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The Soviet drive is being made with terrific force, and just as soon as one attack is beaten off another is made, despite heavy losses.

The Finnish defences on the southern shore of Lake Ladoga are taking a terrific battering, but the hard-pressed defenders on the left wing have repulsed several waves of the Russian attack.

FINNISH LOSSES UNDER 10,000

Helsinki, To-day.
The first authoritative estimate of Finnish casualties was issued in Helsinki yesterday.
Finnish casualties are placed at 9,500 in the whole campaign to date, of whom 2,500 were killed. Soviet casualties are estimated at 150,000 killed, wounded, frozen to death, ill or deserted.—Reuter.

ASAMA CASE A MAJOR ISSUE?

TOKYO, TO-DAY.
POLITICAL QUARTERS HERE STATE THAT THE ASAMA MARU INCIDENT MAY STIR UP A MAJOR CONTROVERSY BETWEEN BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

The question is being asked in some quarters if the Japanese protest against the seizure of the German ship will be backed up by action or by words only.

The Red artillery is firing at the rate of three to four shells a second, or 180 to 240 a minute.

Observers compare the fire with the heaviest barrages of the Great War, and add that the Finnish fortifications are standing up well to the rain of shells.

REDS WITHDRAW STORES
On the north shore of Lake Ladoga the Finns are also repulsing Russian attacks. Over 1,000 Reds are said to have been killed in five assaults on the fortified lines.

North-east of Lake Ladoga the Russians have lost 500 men and several tanks.

On the Salla sector the Russians are withdrawing large supplies of materials, hinting at a further retreat of their troops here.

VITAL RAILWAY BOMBED
Seventeen Red planes yesterday bombed the vital railway line to Sweden, over which Finland obtains most of her supplies.

The A.R.P. commander in Helsinki yesterday stated that Red planes had dropped 6,007 bombs in a week on non-fighting areas. Even small villages and farms were attacked.

RUTHLESS MURDER
Total casualties were only 18 killed and 102 wounded, which is attributed to the shelters provided for the population, who are now well drilled in A.R.P.

An average of 450 Red planes fly over Finland every day.

It is estimated that it costs the Russians two bombers to kill a civilian.

The Russians are obviously trying to break the morale of the population by ruthless murder from the air.

NAZIS FLYING FOR REDS?

Berne, To-day.
Neutral press reports from Finland state that the Russian air tactics have shown a marked improvement in the last few days.

Swiss military observers suggest that Nazi airmen are now being employed in the Red air force.—Reuter.

GENRO'S CONDITION CRITICAL

Tokyo, To-day.
Prince Saloni, Japan's elder statesman, is in a very critical condition. He is suffering from complications resulting from an intestinal cold.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: North winds, fresh; fair, cold.

REDS IRKED BY ALLIED MOVES

Moscow, To-day.

"The impressive Allied troop concentration" in Egypt, Palestine and Syria, is the subject of an article in the General Staff organ, "Red Star."

The article says such a concentration should not be under-estimated in putting pressure on potential enemies in the Anglo-French bloc in the Mediterranean and Balkans.

These forces, under General Weygand and General Wavell are, in fact, an expeditionary corps threatening Germany's southern flank, says the "Red Star."

BALKAN FRONT

"This Balkan front does not yet exist but its formation evidently forms part of the Anglo-French plans."

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PARACHUTE FLARES USED IN NIGHT BOMBING RAIDS

Helsinki, To-day.

SOVIET 'PLANES ON SUNDAY raided Uleaborg, in the Gulf of Bothnia, three hospitals being hit. During the long winter nights, the Soviet airmen are dropping their deadly missiles with the aid of parachute flares.

On land, fighting in the Taipali River sector continues. A heavy Soviet artillery barrage was laid yesterday morning, with the object apparently of breaking the left flank of the Mannerheim Line.

Two Soviet attacks during the past few days have already been repulsed, with, according to a Finnish communique, heavy losses.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, Finnish positions have been strengthened by the capture of several enemy outposts. — Reuter.

**BRITONS IN FOREIGN
LEGION**

Helsinki, To-day.

A new Foreign Legion is shortly to be sent to the Finnish front.

It is made up of German, French, Italian, Estonian and Lithuanian volunteers and also a few Britons, who are believed to be resident in Finland. — Reuter.

**SEAT FOR NEW
MINISTER**

London, To-day.

City of London Conservatives have decided to invite Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, to meet them with a view to his being accepted as candidate for Parliament, and his unopposed return as member to replace Sir Alan Anderson, who is willing to retire, is anticipated. — British Wireless.

with Turkey and controlled prices are to be reduced.

There is no shortage and no increase in the price of coffee and cocoa; pre-war prices of tea have been maintained and there is no difficulty in obtaining supplies. Unlimited supplies of biscuits are available without price increases.

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On Friday, February 23, Mr. P. V. Revey will speak on "Television," illustrating his lecture with slides and models. This subject is almost one of the latest scientific discoveries to provide pictures of events taking place at considerable distances as well as sound.

The closing lecture on Friday, March 29, will be given by Wing Commander A. H. Steel-Perkins on "Chemical Warfare" under present conditions. This aspect of warfare should attract a large attendance.

The lectures are held in the Institute's commodious library at King's Building, 1st Floor at 6 p.m. and are open to all interested. Discussion on the lecture provides an added interest. The Institute at considerable expense has renovated its premises and now provides for its members and friends one of the finest Club in the Colony. A very extensive library of technical books and fiction is available. Information regarding membership can be obtained from the Secretary.

COLD SNAP HITS THE COLONY

COINCIDENT WITH THE COLD WAVE WHICH HAS SUDDENLY SWEEPED CHINA, THE TEMPERATURE IN HONG KONG LAST NIGHT DROPPED SHARPLY.

A minimum reading was recorded of 45 degrees, compared with a maximum during the day of 60 degrees.

The previous lowest thermometer reading this year was 52 degrees, on Christmas Day. The lowest ever recorded in Hong Kong was 32 degrees, on January 18, 1893.

The temperature this morning was 50, with humidity 60 per cent.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved southward and pressure is now highest over the Yangtse Valley; it has decreased considerably over Japan owing to the passage of a depression eastward across Hondo.

CONSTABLE'S SERIOUS OFFENCE

A Chinese Police constable, Cheung Fuk, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to report after a collision in Island Road, driving without a valid licence, and failing to keep to the left side of the road.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke told the Court that defendant, who obtained motor car No. 1125 from the owner by saying that he had a valid driving licence, was seen driving in Island Road on December 26. When rounding a bend, he drove on the wrong side of the road and collided with another car driven by Mr. W. W. Ritchie. Defendant gave a wrong name to Mr. Ritchie, and made no attempt to report the accident.

Mr. Sheldon remarked that it was a very serious offence and fined defendant \$10 on each summons, and \$25 compensation to complainant or a month's imprisonment.

PLEA BY UNCLE

At a request for leniency by the complainant, his uncle, on the ground that he had suffered sufficiently, Mr. Kiu-lin, 28, was this morning discharged by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., on a condition of remaining on a charge of a sum of \$1,000 from his

POKFULUM ROBBERY

Yip Kau and Hau Sai-kwong were this morning charged at the Criminal Sessions before Sir Atholl Macgregor with robbery by two or more in Pokfulum Road on December 13 when they are alleged to have robbed Pak Yu-chui of a wrist watch, a ring and one dollar.

Yip Kau pleaded guilty and the jury was composed of Messrs. W. J. Willis (Foreman), G. W. Cooper, E. Land-sowne, T. F. Stainton, A. H. Roberts, Lau Kau and Wong Sun-man.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, for the Crown, said that Pak Yu Chui was walking with his lady friend in Pokfulum road at 12.30 p.m. when they were met by three men one of whom was armed with a knife. They forced Pak to deliver up his watch, ring and a dollar bill. The robbery was reported and defendants were arrested in the same district on December 24. At an identification parade, Pau identified Hau Sai Kwong as one of the men who took part in the robbery.

In the lower court Hau had stated that he had gone there on December 24, because one Ah Chik had told him that a number of robberies had been committed in Pokfulum Road, that the residents of Third Street were suspected, and that if the robbers were not arrested the Police would raid all the heroin dens in Third Street. There was a reward for each arrest. He had gone that day to look for Yip Kau with the hope that he could be of some assistance.

The case is proceeding.

SESSIONS VERDICT

Sentence of two years' imprisonment and eight strokes of the cat was passed on Cheung Chol, who pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery with aggravation, at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor.

Lam Hing, who was charged jointly with Cheung, pleaded not guilty and was discharged owing to insufficient evidence.

The following were the jury empanelled for the last case:—Messrs. H. Nishm, R. R. Pavri, F. K. Pattinson, Chow Yung, R. L. Noronha, R. H. Wild and Lee Wai-tong.

Mr. M. T. Abbott for the Crown said that both men had engaged a sampan which was occupied by two old men and on the voyage attacked them and robbed one of some clothing and \$15.

Chek Kam-sing was not able to identify the accused even in court owing to his bad eyesight and His Lordship said that no weight could be given to his evidence in that respect.

Ng Sing, the other man who was rowing the sampan, was not clear in his evidence and His Lordship held that there was insufficient evidence against accused.

GAMBLERS ABSENT

The Treasury and the Poor Box benefitted by \$160 and \$26.30 respectively this morning, when a number of Chinese were brought before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy on a charge of keeping a common gambling house and gambling in the premises.

A 44-year-old widow Ho Yuk of No. 5, Bonham Road, who failed to appear in Court had her bail of \$100 estreated, while 12 others who were found gambling in the house, had their bail of \$5 each estreated.

Detective Sergeant R. Mcvey told the Court that a sum of \$26.30 was picked up during the raid.

King-nien, manager of Tak Wu Kung Dyeing Company of Cornwell Road, 128, was this morning placed on a charge of being of good behaviour for

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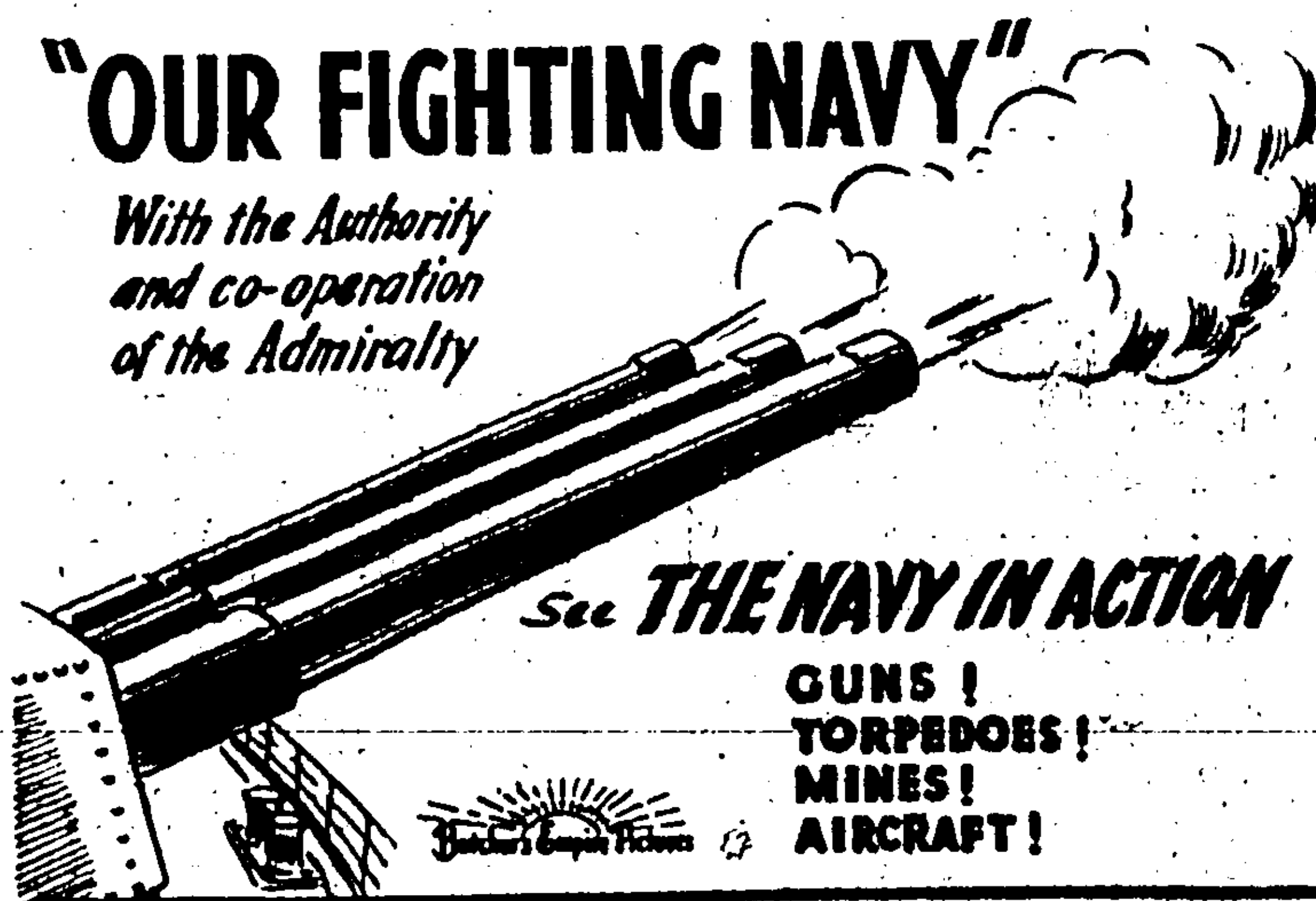
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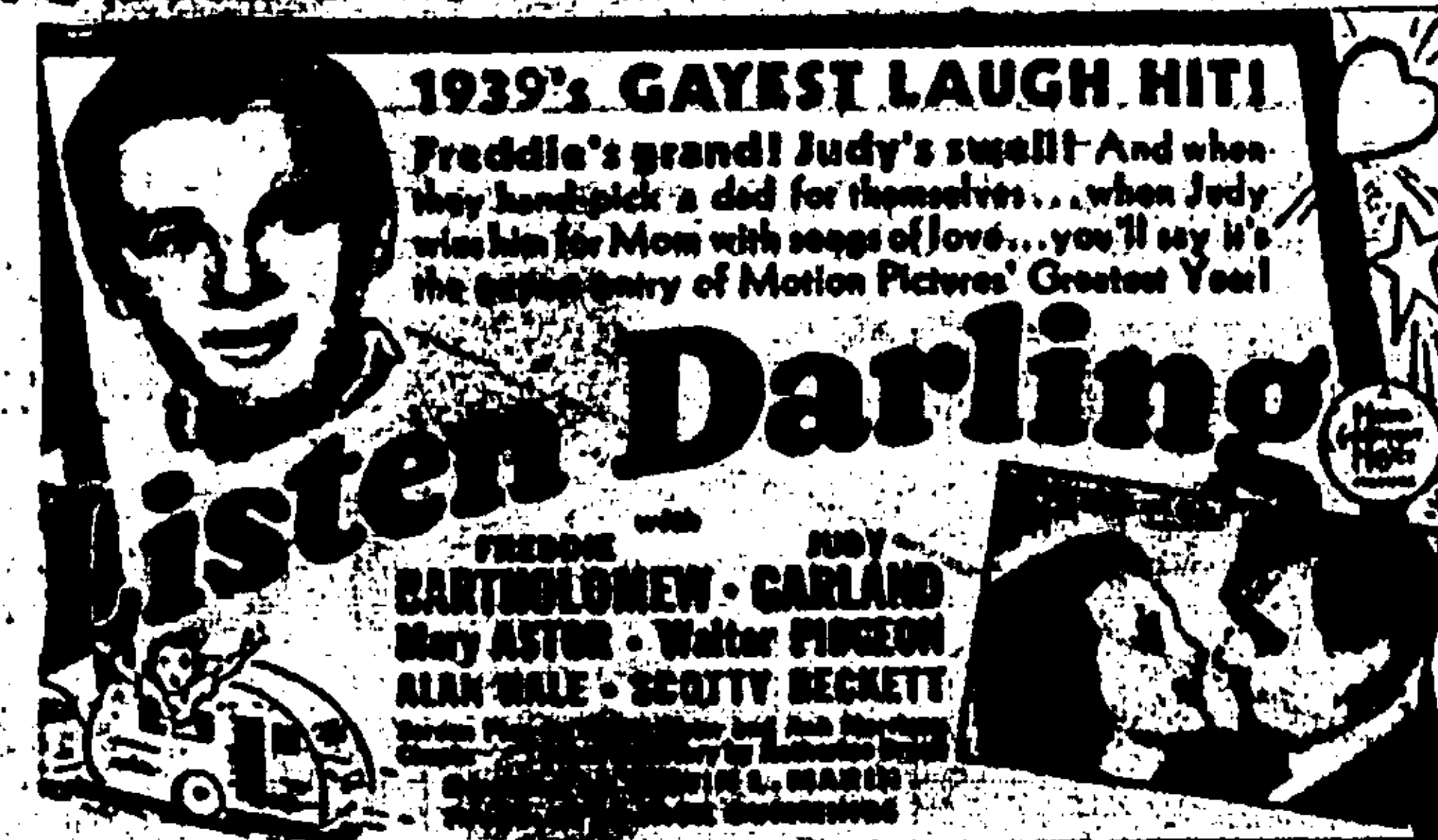


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HOPE FOR 100 MISSING IN ORAZIO BURNING: EXPLOSION ON LINER

Marseilles, To-day.
WITH 599 SURVIVORS of the ill-fated Italian liner Orazio accounted for, over 100 are still missing, including 64 members of the crew.

The Italian authorities have ordered 12 military aeroplanes to search for the missing people. It is still hoped that they may have been picked up by French ships known to have been near the scene of the disaster.

When 48 were landed at Marseilles from a French auxiliary cruiser, it was stated that more were expected during the day.

First arrivals tell of a sudden explosion which caused the fire; the latter got out of control owing to the strong wind.

Most of the survivors were taken off by the Italian ships Conte Biancamano, on her way to Genoa from Hong Kong, and Colombo, and only two of the ship's lifeboats were launched.

It is believed that these lifeboats contain the 100 or so who are missing.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Marseilles, To-day.

The French steamer "Ville Ajaccio" arrived here with 47 passengers from the Italian steamer "Orazio" which caught fire off Toulon.—Havas.

NORDIC COUNTRIES' ONLY HOPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

"The United States must help Finland to save Scandinavia," the European representative of the Carnegie Peace Foundation declares in a report to Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler, the President.

The report adds: "It is believed in Europe that the United States has a better opportunity than any other nation for helping Finland, as the American Republic is aloof from the other European disputes."

"If the United States decides to do nothing, it must be expected that the Scandinavian nations will fall one after the other."—Havas.

NOTHING TO LEAK OUT OF HOLLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Netherlands Government yesterday announced decree restricting the work of foreign journalists in Dutch territory.

An official circular handed to all foreign press representatives prohibits the transmission of news dealing with Dutch national defence, comments endangering the country's neutrality, statements insulting a friendly power and all reports on the Dutch Government's decisions which are not officially confirmed.

Simultaneously it is learned that a German correspondent has been arrested on a charge of abusing his status as newspaperman to engage in spying activities.—Havas.

GERMANS SET A PRECEDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Germans themselves set precedents for the British seizure of German subjects from the Asama Maru, diplomatic circles point out.

On September 24 a German warship took prisoner 11 British fishermen who had taken refuge after their trawler hit a mine on board the Swedish cargo ship Kommandant Margaria.—Havas.

NOT THE FINAL TERMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The terms communicated to the Ta Kung Pao are neither the initial Japanese demands nor the final terms on which agreement was concluded, the Central China Daily News, Wang Chingwei's organ, declares.

The journal further alleges that Mr. Kao Tsung-wu was suspected of being in Chungking's service and was kept away from the negotiations.

The paper also alleges that Mr. Kao received \$3,000,000 from General Chiang Kai-shek.

Meanwhile the Shanghai Chinese press continues to voice indignation and urges Chungking to continue resistance to Japan.—Havas.

FINNISH FUND

New York, To-day.

The Finnish Fund has now topped the million dollars mark.

This is additional to \$600,000 already available for relief and \$400,000 now en route to Finland.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CABINET MEETING

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Cabinet met under Signor Mussolini yesterday and sat for three hours.

A number of measures were approved.—Reuter.

POPE STILL HOPES TO MEDIATE IN WARS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THE TERRIBLE RAVAGES in Poland and Finland and the daily disasters at sea are constantly present in the Holy Father's mind, reports Mr. G. Ward Price, the special correspondent of the "Daily Mail," after interviewing Pope Pius.

Mr. Ward Price adds: "The Pope is ready to seize any propitious occasion to act for peace but no such action appears possible at present, and the only task for the time being is to make every preliminary effort to bring about a calm mind, without which lasting peace is impossible."

WILL MEDIATE IF

The Pope told Mr. Ward Price that he did not desire the errors of 1918, when the Holy See's advice was neglected, to be repeated, and he hoped world reconciliation would be strengthened by President Roosevelt's decision to send a personal representative to the Vatican.

Mr. Ward Price says he gathered the impression that the Pope would not refuse to act as mediator in Europe if and when the situation for mediation arrives.—Havas.

Mrs. Wolfe of Prince Edward Island reports that when her daughter was playing in front of the house, a bomb landed close by.

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MANIFESTO BY PROTESTANTS IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

CHRISTIANS IN NEUTRAL countries cannot remain neutral in the present international conflicts, declares a manifesto issued by 33 prominent Protestant clergy and laymen.

The manifesto says: Basic distinctions between civilisations in which justice and freedom are still realities and those in which they have been displaced by ruthless tyranny, cannot be ignored.

RED ARMY MOVES OUT OF GALICIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cernauti (Rumania),
To-day.

Trustworthy sources announce that two German regiments are now at Lwow, in the Soviet portion of Poland.

German troops are stationed throughout Galicia, which so far had been occupied only by the Red Army.

Soviet troops are moving eastwards at the rate of three to six trains a day.

The transport of these troops is causing considerable congestion of railway traffic.—Havas.

ANOTHER PROTEST TO NAZIS

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.
THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAS AGAIN PROTESTED TO BERLIN AT ANOTHER AFFRONT TO HOLLAND'S NEUTRALITY.

On Saturday morning, a German plane was seen over Utrecht and Southern Holland, as well as over the Hague. Dutch military machines went up in pursuit.

An unidentified plane flew over Holland from east to west yesterday afternoon and was again seen over The Hague. Dutch fighter planes went up after it.—Reuter.

NOT IDENTIFIED.

The Hague, To-day.
Foreign planes of a nationality not identified flew over Holland yesterday afternoon, and were eventually reported over the Hague.

Anti-aircraft guns opened fire and Dutch patrols took off to intercept them.—Reuter.

"The victory of the Allies and of China would not in itself assure the establishment of justice and peace, but a victory for Germany, Russia and Japan would inevitably preclude justice, freedom of thought and worship and that international co-operation which is fundamental to a Christian world order.

AMERICAN TASK

"The United States cannot hope to have a part in determining a just and stable peace unless during the conflicts she proves herself alive to the deeper issues involved, is sympathetic and is prepared to make a contribution to a better future.

"That contribution cannot be merely in the terms of moral precepts and lofty ideals for the conduct of other nations but rather of responsible national participation in the long and painful task of peaceful reconstruction."

PACIFISM WANING

The "New York Herald-Tribune," which splashes the manifesto on its front page, declares in an editorial: "The appeal is refreshing confirmation of the fact that soft-minded pacifism is on the decline in the United States."

Signatories of the manifesto include the Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the President of Yale University and the President of Brown University.—Reuter.

B.E.F. OF 2,000,000

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Sir Edward Gregg, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Information, in a speech at a dinner in honour of the French Military Attache stated that Britain will soon have 2,000,000 men under arms.

Referring to Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation, he added that the loss of one Minister does not signify that there will be any slowing up in conscription.—Havas.

KING IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace yesterday, after spending a week-end at Windsor.—Reuter.

SCOTLAND YARD FILLS OLD BAILEY

London, To-day.

Exceptional precautions were taken when the I.R.A. appeals against the death sentences for the Coventry bomb outrage were heard at Old Bailey yesterday.

Rarely have there been such measures in the history of the Law Courts.

A strong police cordon was thrown round the building and all entrances were watched, while the courtyards were patrolled.

Two hundred police were on duty in every part of the building. A special guard was provided for the prisoners and five warders armed with revolvers were with them in the dock.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.—Reuter.

GILT-EDGED HIGHER

London, To-day.

Following a big accumulation of buying orders over the week-end, a sharp rise occurred in all British Government stocks on the London Stock Exchange.

They were led by the 3½ per cent. War Loan which, after opening at 97½, rose to 98½.

The industrial market responded to the gilt-edged rise, although business was on a small scale.—British Wireless.

81 DEAD IN GRENVILLE SINKING

London, To-day.

The Admiralty last night announced that the total casualties on H.M.S. Grenville, lost by enemy action in the North Sea, were 81.

There were no casualties among the officers; eight ratings were killed and 73 are missing, presumed dead.—Reuter.

NEUTRALITY WOULD BE DISASTER

CAPETOWN, TO-DAY.

IN A MESSAGE TO KURUMAN ELECTORS (WHERE A BYE-ELECTION IS PENDING) GENERAL SMUTS, DEALING WITH THE FEASIBILITY OF THE UNION REMAINING NEUTRAL IN THE PRESENT WAR, SAID:—

"To me, it is as clear as daylight that neutrality would have struck the economic interest of this country and would have been the cause of such a racial conflict as would rend our people completely and for years to come."—British Wireless.

PALACE AND SAVINGS

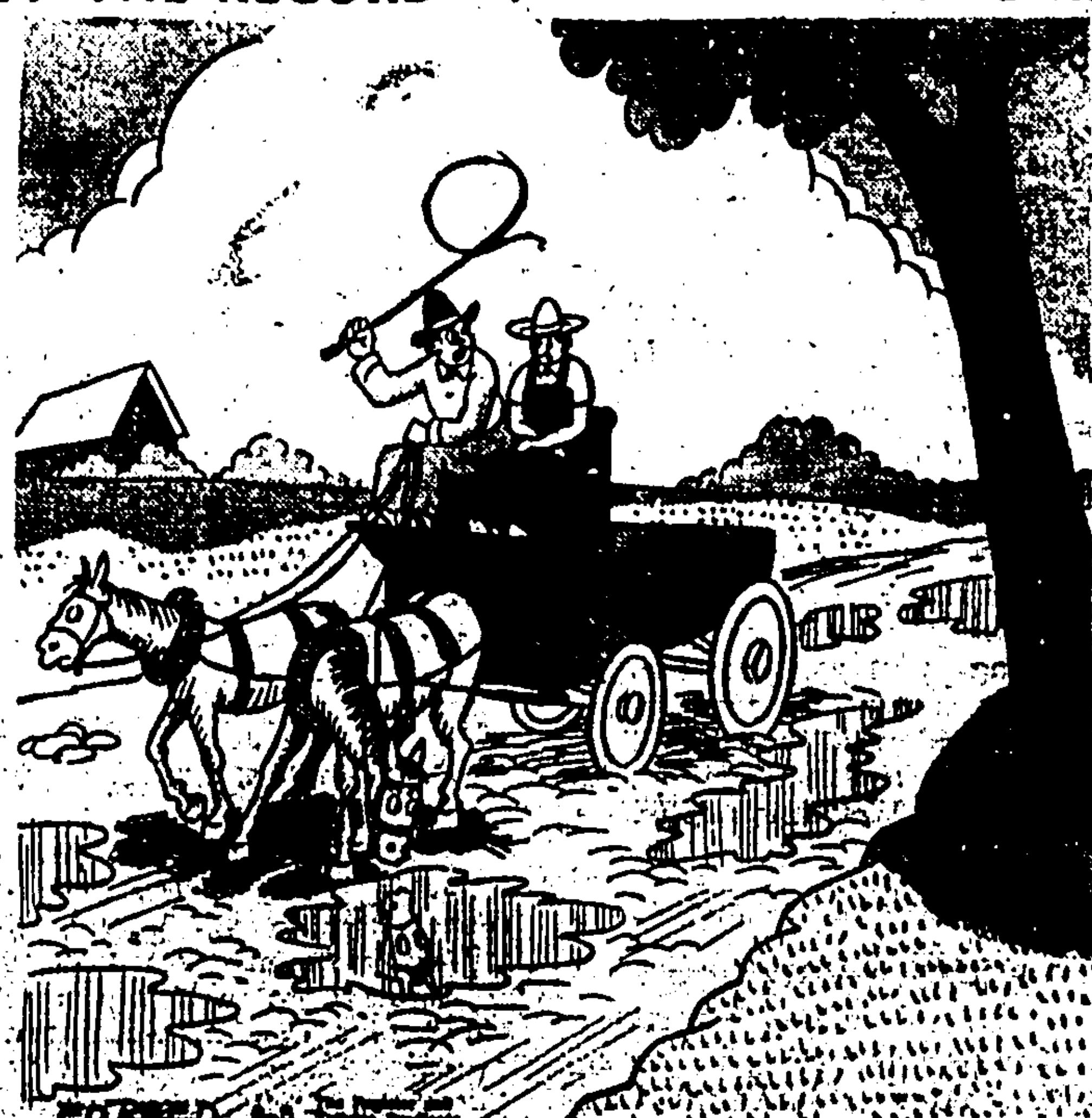
London, To-day.

Speaking to the Westminster National Savings Committee, the Treasury Financial Secretary stated that a special committee had been formed in the Royal Household, with the King's approval, as part of the already existing National Savings group.

His Majesty had provided the initial funds for this committee's work and both the King and Queen desire to make it as easy as possible for the staff of the Household to participate in the Savings movement.—British Wireless.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"It's time you learned about women and quit hitchin' up the mare!"

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

JAPANESE PROTEST

"British Action Serious And Unfriendly"

OBJECTION TO "ASAMA MARU" BOARDING

London, To-day.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST reports, the Asama Maru was 35 miles off Japan when she was stopped by a British warship on Saturday.

The 21 Germans removed were all of military age and members of oil tanker crews on their way back to Germany, and semi-official quarters here point out that if they were allowed to return home they would be particularly useful to the German war effort.

Thirty other Germans were on board. They were mostly merchants and were allowed to continue on their way.

The right to remove enemies of military age from a neutral ship is recognized by international law, these same circles point out.

VEREKER CASE

It has been used by the Germans several times in the Baltic, when German warships took off Poles of military age.

Last month, Mr. Gordon Vereker, former Councillor of the British Embassy at Moscow, and several Poles were taken off a neutral ship by a German warship. Mr. Vereker was only released because he was a consular official.—Reuter.

***A few days ago, it will be recalled, a German consular official passed through Hong Kong unmolested.

JAPAN TO PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

The Japanese Government is attaching considerable importance to the Asama Maru incident and it is anticipated that Tokyo will launch a protest to London within a few days.

An eye-witness stated that a British cruiser stopped the Asama Maru about 12.40 p.m. Three British officers and ten sailors boarded her.

One German sailor attempted to attack the British officer but was prevented by his own chief.

The British officer presented a list containing the names of 21 Germans. After a formal protest, the captain summoned the 41 German men passengers but only 39 responded.

BERLIN INTEREST

Shortly after the British warship left two of the missing Germans reappeared: one had hid himself in the kitchen and the other in a ventilator. It is understood that Berlin is closely following the Japanese attitude, asserting that the prestige of the Japanese Navy is jeopardised especially considering the fact that Japan wishes to maintain her hegemony in the Western Pacific.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PRESS ANGRY

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese press are very angry over the Asama Maru incident, especially over the fact that it happened close to Japanese shores.

The "Nichi Nichi" says: "International law or not, it is unpardonably rude."

The "Yomiuri" We have been made fools of. It happened in Yokohama! The British warship was close to our shore. What are our experts thinking of that?

The "Miyako" Violence in our garden. What hanging around under the star of Tokyo. But would alone be a very great insult.

The "Japan Times": It is a scandal requiring immediate amends: it is as if a foreign warship sailed into a Japanese port and took away foreign residents legally living there.—Havas.

N.Y.K. ACTION

San Francisco, To-day.

A spokesman of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha stated that the company would probably not accept any more German citizens for trans-Pacific transportation in future following the Asama Maru incident.—Havas.

EFFICIENT SECRET SERVICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese are amazed at the fact that when the Germans on board the Asama Maru assembled at the command of the British naval officer, the latter produced his own list of the 21 Germans wanted, thus showing the efficiency of the British Intelligence Service.—Havas.

JAPANESE PROTEST

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese Government has formally protested to the British Ambassador against the stopping of the Asama Maru.

The Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs told the Ambassador that the Government cannot but regard the British action as serious and unfriendly against Japan.

The Japanese Government reserves the right to demand delivery to them of the detained Germans.—Reuter.

COUNT DE MARTEL DEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Count Damien de Martel, French Minister to China from 1924 to 1929 and Ambassador in Tokyo from 1929 to 1933, died in Paris yesterday after a month's illness.

Count de Martel, who was 61 years old, was recently High Commissioner in Syria.—Havas.

\$2 BRIBE CHARGE

Charged with accepting a bribe of \$2,000 from a Chinese official, a British official was charged in a London court yesterday. The charge was made by a Chinese official who claimed that the British official had accepted the bribe in exchange for a favor. The British official denied the charge. The case is still ongoing.

DUTCH AIR CRASH NEAR BALI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Batavia, To-day.

Three members of the crew and five passengers perished yesterday when a Dutch passenger plane crashed into the sea on its way from Bali to Sydney.—Havas.

COLD WAVE SWEEPING CHINA

Chungking, To-day.

A cold wave is sweeping over China, forcing the mercury below zero at many places.

The cold spell in Changsha, capital of Hunan, is described as the severest in 20 years. Most of the city's water pipes are frozen.

Farmers in areas around the Tungting Lake in north Hunan are glad at the heavy snowfall which is a portent for a bounteous year. Already they are ploughing the earth and storing water for spring sowing.

Reports from Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi, and Shuiukwan, 140 miles north of Canton in north Kwangtung, state that the temperature in both places has dropped to the freezing point. A mixed drizzle and snow fell in Shuiukwan last night.

The weather is coldest in Lanchow, capital of Kansu, where the mercury dropped to eight degrees below zero and a blinding snowstorm raged all day yesterday.—Central News.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Mr. R. G. Parker of No. 184, The Peak, was cautioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistrate's court this morning when he was summoned for leaving his car unattended in Queen's Theatre Lane near Queen's Road Central.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Mrs. C. R. Boxer of No. 7, Abermore Court, May Road, who pleaded guilty to a similar offence.

EMPIRE AIR SCHEME

Ottawa, To-day.

It is officially announced that over 4,000 aircraft have been ordered in connexion with the Empire air training scheme.

Seven new schools are being established in various parts of the country, as well as three large wireless schools, each accommodating 1,000 students.—Reuter.

PEIPING RELIEF

Peiping, To-day.

Mr. A. A. L. Tuson arrived here yesterday to relieve Mr. L. H. Lamb as British Consul in Peiping.

Mr. Lamb, it is understood, is leaving on February 3 for Shanghai where he is expected to take up the position of superintending consul.—Reuter.

Mr. Harry Ore of Peking Road, has informed the Police that his pocket watch was stolen from his pocket while he was purchasing stamps in the General Post Office yesterday.

WANG AGREEMENT

ALL PEACE LIKELIHOOD VANISHES

It is reported that Kao Tsung-wu and Tao Hsi-sheng, the two former followers of Wang Ching-wei who gave the "Ta Kung Pao" the biggest scoop in the Sino-Japanese conflict exposing the "peace agreement" between Wang and the Japanese, have left Hong Kong for an undisclosed destination.

Important documents relating to Wang Ching-wei's dealings with the Japanese have been sent to Chungking. PEACE POSSIBILITY VANISHES

Chungking, To-day.

Further intensification in China's determination to carry on the war against Japan and the "complete disappearance of all possibilities of peace negotiations between the two countries" is stated to be the official reaction here to the publication of the reported terms of agreement between Wang Ching-wei and Japan.

Interviewed last evening a Chinese Government spokesman declared Chinese were not surprised at the severity of the terms laid down by the Japanese, as they represented the basic policy previously followed by the Japanese army.—Reuter.

WANG HENCHUAN SPEAKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Chen Kung-po, expelled Director of Publicity of the Chungking Government, now chief of Wang Ching-wei's Secretariat in Shanghai, stated to the press yesterday that the agreement allegedly signed between Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese as reported by Kao Chung-yu and Tao Hsi-sheng were merely demands presented by the Japanese.

"Chinese counter-demands and terms actually arrived at between representatives of Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese are completely ignored by Kao and Tao."

"The time has not yet come for publication of the actual terms," said Chen.—Havas.

FUNERAL OF WU PEI-FU TO-MORROW

PEIPING, TO-DAY.

MANY PROMINENT FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS, WERE PRESENT AT A SPECIAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR MARSHAL WU PEI-FU YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AT WHICH THE FOREIGNERS PAID RESPECTS AT THE LATE WAR-LORD'S HOME.

Each of those attending bowed three times before the Marshal's portrait.

The reception hall was hung with many eulogistic scrolls.

The funeral takes place to-morrow morning.—Reuter.

ANNUAL BOAT RACE

London, To-day.

Cambridge have agreed to the Oxford suggestion to row this year's Boat Race at Henley on March 2 over a course of about a mile and a half.—Reuter.

Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, is celebrating his 60th birthday at his Kowloon residence to-day.

MIXED REACTION TO CHURCHILL

Surprise And Regret In Netherlands

NEUTRALS WANT NO ADVICE

London, To-day.

THE WEEK-END SPEECHES of Lord Halifax and Mr. Winston Churchill have attracted a good deal of comment in the world Press, and on the whole the British press welcome them as, in the words of the "Daily Telegraph," "two speeches resounding with determination which had set forth the British case against Germany."

Overseas, a lot of attention is paid to Mr. Churchill's reference to neutral countries. Mr. Churchill, it will be recalled, described their plight as "terrible," and said it would become worse. He asked what would happen if they did their duty in accordance with the Covenant of the League and stood with the British and French Empires against aggression?

The newspapers of some of the Northern neutral countries say that they do not want advice from any of the belligerents, and the Belgian newspaper "Nationale Belge" says Belgium never requires even the most friendly foreign advice to recall her to her duty.

The French press welcomes the speeches. Concerning the danger to neutral countries if Britain and France concluded a shameful peace, "Le Temps" says that only a complete victory for Britain and France can secure Europe from that peril.

While the German press tries to use Mr. Churchill's speech as evidence of an Allied desire to extend the war, in other parts of the world it is viewed as his own estimate of a situation which is already perfectly clear to everyone.

ONLY AN IDEAL

In London, it is pointed out that while this speech must come with considerable authority from Mr. Churchill, it does not represent any new departure and Mr. Churchill's words should not be taken as a considered statement of Government policy.

Dealing with this point, the "Manchester Guardian" says that while it is true that if the neutral countries were to throw in their lot with Britain and France their act would eventually be decisive, yet this is only an ideal.

It is necessary that we should understand that the small European countries are in what is for them a terrible situation, the "Manchester Guardian" continues. It is reasonable, too, that we should ask for understanding from them in our fight for existence and if this struggle involves them in serious inconvenience.

BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY

Twice there has been reason to think that Holland or Belgium, or both, were about to be invaded. In Scandinavia, there is a strong fear lest the developments of the Finnish war should bring Germany into action.

It is for us to intensify our efforts to make the seas safe to help free the neutrals from German tyranny, the paper points out, and we should treat them with all possible consideration; in return, we may ask them to remain benevolently neutral.

CONVOY SAFETY

Referring to Mr. Churchill's review of the war, the "Daily Telegraph" says that this is a record of triumph over submarine, mine and aircraft.

such as no one of knowledge would have dared to predict. The paper contrasts this with the deliberate destruction by Germany of the ships of small neutral states.

"The Times" deals with Mr. Churchill's statement that the safety ratio of ships in Allied convoys is about 500 to 1. This considerable margin of security does not apply to the ships of neutrals.

If the neutrals were to join in the Franco-British convoys, and even, in accordance with the Covenant of the League, stand in together with the British and French Empires in their fight against aggression and wrong, they would join an issue which is certainly as important for these neutral states as it is for the belligerents, says "The Times."—Reuter.

DUTCH SURPRISE

Amsterdam, To-day.

Surprise and regret at Mr. Winston Churchill's call to the small neutral countries to join the Allies against Germany is expressed by the "Telegraaf."

The journal says that had Mr. Churchill addressed himself to the United States, Italy and Japan, that would have been easier to understand.

The "Telegraaf" emphasises the determination of the Dutch Government to maintain neutrality at any cost, and says there will be no change in this attitude, even if it becomes crystal clear that the Reich is heading for defeat.

WILL NOT BE DEVoured

It concludes by assuring Mr. Churchill that the Netherlands will not let themselves be devoured by either side.

The "Handelsblad" says the suggestion that neutrals must take sides in the war has not been made only by Mr. Churchill. It has also from time to time been perceived in German and French summings-up of the situation.

FOREIGN ADVICE NOT WANTED

The newspaper adds: "We are ready to act in self-defence against an assailant when we judge this unavoidable, but not before, and certainly not as the result of foreign advice."

EX-KAISER DOWN WITH 'FLU

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The "Daily Mail" reports that the continued poor health of the ex-Kaiser is giving rise to considerable anxiety.

He is said to be suffering from influenza and has been confined to bed for several days.

The report is denied by the ex-Kaiser's entourage at Doorn.—Havas.

ANOTHER ANGLO-U.S. ISSUE

Washington, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, visited the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday to discuss particularly the situation created by the suspension of United States tobacco imports into Britain.

The Secretary for Agriculture, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, other Government officials and private individuals, are urging the State Department to protest against Britain's policy of not authorising an allotment of exchange for the purchase of United States tobacco.

It is understood that Mr. Cordell Hull has requested, or will request, the British Government to continue to fill at least part of its tobacco requirements on the United States market.—Reuter.

to act in self-defence against an assailant when we judge this unavoidable, but not before, and certainly not as the result of foreign advice."

Mr. Churchill's speech has also aroused unfavourable comment in the Swiss press.

A typical view is that Britain is entitled to demand strict neutrality of neutrals but not to endeavour to force them to help the Allies.

NOT A CONSIDERED STATEMENT

It is pointed out in London that Mr. Churchill's broadcast was one of a series in which Ministers from time to time will make personal comments on the war situation.

The broadcast was in the nature of a fireside talk, was phrased in broadcasting language and was not a considered statement of Government policy such as would have been made in the House of Commons.

RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

The references to neutrals must necessarily have great authority, as coming from Mr. Churchill, but they do not represent any new departure or a considered statement of Government policy.

Mr. Churchill in the broad lines of his speech stated the British view of the situation and the conditions in which the British Government is prepared to act.

AMERICAN COMMUNIST SENTENCED

New York, To-day.

Earl Browder, leader of the Communists in America, was convicted yesterday on charges of twice using passports obtained by a false statement.

Browder was sentenced to two years imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000 on each of the two counts. The prison terms are to run consecutively.

Passing sentence, the Judge, Justice Alfred Doxe, said the verdict of the jury was the only possible one they could have returned.

A PROUD COMMUNIST

Although he engaged one of New York's leading lawyers to defend him, Browder summed up his own case, declaring the Government's prosecution was a "long, complicated and flimsy chain."

Browder said he was proud to be a Communist and had nothing to apologise for.

Browder's bail in the sum of \$7,500, was continued until Wednesday when he appears for the fixing of a new bond in connexion with his appeal.

QUICK VERDICT

The jury took only 45 minutes to consider the verdict.

Browder may have to serve only three years in prison if he qualifies each year for a three-month reduction in sentence for good behaviour.—Reuter.

CENTENARY OF NEW ZEALAND

Wellington, To-day.

New Zealand celebrates this month the centenary of the proclamation of British sovereignty, and yesterday thousands gathered on the beach near Wellington to watch Lord Galway, the Governor-General, unveil a memorial to the landing of the pioneer colonists.

The United Kingdom was represented by the Marquis of Willington, a former Viceroy of India, who commented on the century-old co-operation between the settlers and the Maoris. He said that during his 16 years in India he had worked for mutual understanding between the Indian and British peoples.

He was confident that this understanding could be achieved, and said that he hoped that India would follow New Zealand's wonderful example.

Lord Galway's tenure of office as Governor-General has been extended for another six months.—Reuter.

TERM EXTENDED

London, To-day.

The Dominions Office announce that the King has approved the extension for six months of Viscount Galway's term of office as Governor-General of New Zealand.—Reuter.

Mrs. A. M. Phillips, residing at the Gloucester Hotel, has reported that an unknown Chinese man had been seen in the hotel.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE WAR OFFICE

It is seldom that the press is so united over a political event as it was during the week-end about Mr. Hore-Bellisha's removal from the War Office. It is perplexed and anxious. The reason is twofold. First, this is a major change for which no explanation is offered. Secondly, we are (without explanation) exchanging the known for the unknown, although, from our experience so far, the known is good. There has never been any doubt what qualities are needed at the War Office. They are the possession of ideas, energy and courage. War does not stand still: its preparation and its conduct demand openness of mind, ingenuity, invention. It cannot be won by convention and conservatism: the history of the tank in the last war lives bitterly in the memory. Mr. Hore-Bellisha had the necessary qualities. He had ideas and they were right; he drove them through; when necessary, he could overcome powerful oppositions. — "Manchester Guardian."

THE CRITERION

The one overwhelming consideration, which all the Ministers concerned undoubtedly feel, is that any changes made now or in the future should contribute to the greater efficiency of our war effort. That is the criterion by which all of them must ultimately be judged, even though it may not be possible to apply the criterion at once in every respect. The responsibility for making changes rests upon the Prime Minister, and no one can share it with him. He must be absolutely free to choose his own colleagues. But it cannot be too often repeated that his task would be enormously lightened if the temporary retirement of this or that Minister were looked upon as a natural and sensible repercussion of these strenuous times, and of the political accident that, with few exceptions, the same men have been in exacting offices for over eight years. Such a view would not only widen the field of the choice of Ministers but would also make the use of it less equivocal. — "The Times."

THE REASONS

Mr. Hore-Bellisha made his appointments without regard to convention or tradition. We shall await with great interest the reasons which will doubtless be forthcoming for his retirement from the Government. — "Daily Sketch."

WIDER SWEEP

It would have been more satisfactory in all respects if this Ministerial reconstruction had taken a wider sweep. This (Bellisha's resignation) would more appropriately have filled into a general reconstruction, freshening up and strengthening the Ministry all round. — "Yorkshire Observer."

HALF-HEARTED

The Prime Minister must be prepared to receive only half-satisfied approval for his rather half-hearted reshuffling. — "Nottingham Journal."

WEIGHTY

The Premier doubtless had his reasons for seeking to make a change at the War Office, but they must have been of a weighty nature. — "The Observer."

try of a Minister so demonstrably equipped with energy and drive as Mr. Hore-Bellisha.

The appointment of Mr. Stanley in Mr. Hore-Bellisha's place will hardly dispel the doubts to which this curious business of an obviously protesting resignation will give rise. — "Glasgow Bulletin."

REPERCUSSIONS

"The public is entitled to expect the House of Commons to probe the matter deeper for general enlightenment. There is also the repercussions of this unexplained big change in France and among neutrals, to consider." — "Birmingham Gazette."

TO HIS CREDIT

Mr. Hore-Bellisha now resigns not because of any disagreement on the question of prosecuting the war to a successful issue, but because of differences of opinion which, solely out of regard for the national interest, could not, he felt, be reconciled with the highest efficiency.

His readiness to stand aside is entirely to his credit. It will enhance rather than diminish recognition of the initiative and courage which he has shown as Minister for War. — "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

HONG KONG'S PART IN WAR

In the vast task of mobilizing to the fullest extent Empire resources for the successful prosecution of the war, it is only natural that Hong Kong's assistance should not be overlooked by the British Government. Hong Kong possesses two first-class dockyards capable of building ships of a fair size and therefore ship-building possibilities are the first sphere of activity

GRIM EXTENSION

The fact that the war has so far been waged on "strictly limited" lines need not blind us to the fact that an extension in all its grimness is possible at any moment, and it is with the expectation of facing such a challenge that we must await all the uncertainties of this New Year. — Prof. S. H. Roberts.

being explored. Recently, two steamers, the Glenorchy and the Breconshire, were launched in the Colony and constituted the two largest vessels ever built in the British Empire outside the United Kingdom. Therefore, the efforts of the Colony in this direction should prove a valuable contribution to the Empire's war strength. It is reported that at least four cargo ships will be built in the Colony as an initial order, filling the losses in the Empire's mercantile strength caused by submarine and mine sinkings, and Australia is in a position to provide the steel which Hong Kong labour will use. This development attracts attention to Shanghai, but here the situation is entirely different. Being outside the Empire, British manufacturing establishments are placed in a different category which is made all the more difficult by political conditions. China was on the side of the Allies, in the last war and neutrality provisions did not apply. Nevertheless, Shanghai did actually contribute in a very definite manner, the then Shanghai Dock Engineering Co. building three standard ships for the British Government, while four 10,000-ton freighters were built by the Kiangnan Dock for the United States Shipping Board. Indirectly, from Shanghai and China large supplies of materials and certain manufactured products connected with war needs are being supplied to meet the demands of a rising market. In addition to China's mineral and vegetable products, Shanghai's indirect war contribution includes thermos-bottles and sausages, two convincing proofs that armies do march on their stomachs and in combat too, but nothing so definite as shipbuilding has yet been reported. — "M.C.D. News."

NAZIS LOSE OVER 1,000 MEN IN SUBMARINES

London, To-day.

LITTLE CREDENCE IS GIVEN by those who make a close study of shipbuilding matters to Nazi claims that submarines will be produced this year at the rate of one each day.

They will be surprised if more than eighty are put into service in the current year.

Apart from the heavy call on material resources which this would entail, the provision of nearly three thousand trained and skilled officers and men is likely present an even more serious problem.

Informed commentators remark that from six to nine years experience on active service at sea is needed to build up competent men for commanding officers and senior petty officers.

HEAVY LOSSES

The supply of such men has seriously diminished owing to U-boat losses in the war and it is estimated that over one thousand who started training in submarines five years ago have since the war began gone down with their ships.

In the last war, Germany had built up a large personnel when, after thirty months of war, her big effort was made with the commissioning of 87 new boats in 1917.

It is recognised there is a sharp difference in technique between British and German practice owing to the fact that U-boats are not primarily fighting ships and that attacks on merchantmen call for a lower degree of accuracy in handling the vessel on the part of the commanding officer.

THOROUGH BRITISH TRAINING

The shortage of trained men as First Lieutenants and Petty Officers, upon whom great deal of technical responsibility rests, is, however, likely to be felt in the course of the next few months.

In the British Navy, no volunteers for submarines are transferred into ratings as able seaman until the age of 21. Then, after some six years' experience, he may qualify as a Petty Officer Coxswain in one of the smaller types and after a further three years' experience he becomes due for advancement to Chief Petty Officer and may take up duty as the most responsible hand in one of the large types.

Regular service in submarines is not undertaken by a young Lieutenant until he has done eight months' training, partly at a depot and partly as a spare hand in a fully commissioned boat. Then he does three years as Third Officer, followed by four years as First Lieutenant, before being entrusted with a command at about the age of 29. — British Wireless.

NOTHING TO REPORT AT THE FRONT

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE COMMANDERS OF ALL THE ALLIED ARMIES IN THE FIELD MADE THE SAME REPORT YESTERDAY MORNING: "SNOW, NOTHING TO REPORT."

There has been very little aerial activity.

A single German reconnaissance plane flew over Eastern France and penetrated as far as what is authoritatively described as "the edge of the Paris watershed." — Reuter.

NO INCIDENT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated there was no incident during the night.

LONDON KEEPS SMILING

London, To-day.
The following sign appears outside a small fish-and-chip shop in London:—
"Business as usual during alterations to Germany." — Reuter.

EMPIRE AIR PLAN FOR RHODESIA

London, To-day.

The British Government has approved the establishment of an Empire air training scheme in Southern Rhodesia.

The cost is to be borne by the British Government, with the Southern Rhodesian Government contributing, while the equipment and the majority of the instructional pupils and personnel will be provided by the British Government.

The schools to be established under the scheme will be under the control of the Southern Rhodesian Government, and existing training organisations in Southern Rhodesia will be incorporated in the new scheme.

When trained, Southern Rhodesian personnel will be posted to the R.A.F., retaining their identity, and when sufficient numbers are available they will form Rhodesian squadrons in the R.A.F. — Reuter.

DUTCH MEASURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Dutch Navy Radio announces that pilot-service in the large and small Delta of Nar Gjedser and Oresund has been suspended. — Havas.

VATICAN'S PLAIN SPEAKING

Vatican City, To-day.

An outspoken denunciation of the atrocities in Poland was broadcast by the Vatican radio yesterday.

The Pope, said the announcer, had been profoundly pained by reports received of the plight of those in Poland, "in whose resurrection he continues to believe."

The New Year brings from Warsaw, Cracov, Pomerania, Posnan and Silesia daily tales of destruction, he went on. The accounts of atrocities on the homeless and helpless were not confined to that section of Poland occupied by the Russians, for even more violent atrocities were reported in German-occupied Poland.

This was "one more grievous affront" to the moral conscience of mankind, and "one more contemptuous insult" to the civilized world.

CROWNING INIQUITY

While hunger faced 70 per cent of Poland's population, food was being shipped to Germany to replenish the granaries of the capital.

The crowning iniquity, concluded the announcer, was the suspension of all religious manifestations among one of Europe's most devout peoples. — Reuter.

CANADIAN WAR LOANS

OTTAWA, TO-DAY.

THE SUCCESS OF CANADA'S FIRST WAR LOAN HAS ENCOURAGED THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE PLANS TO OFFER WAR LOAN SECURITIES FOR THE SMALL INVESTOR.

The first loan, for £44,500,000 worth of Government securities, actually brought in £71,500,000, not including the conversion of a further £12,000,000.

This shows that large quantity of money in Canada is still awaiting investment, and the Dominion Minister of Finance announces that it is proposed to issue savings certificates similar to those issued in the last war. — Reuter.

SERVICE FOR SEN. BORAH

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROOSEVELT, MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND MANY OTHERS ATTENDED THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR SENATOR BORAH IN THE SENATE CHAMBER YESTERDAY.

The floral tributes included one of gladioli and lilies sent jointly from the Diplomatic Corps.

Senator Borah's body is being taken to Boise City, Idaho, for burial on Friday. — Reuter.

STAFFORD CRIPPS IN CHENG TU

Chengtu, To-day.

Sir Stafford Cripps, former Labour Party leader in the British Parliament, who came to China to investigate the Industrial Co-operatives Movement and reconstruction work arrived here from Chungking by automobile yesterday.

He will visit different factories on January 24 and will attend a welcome meeting held by the Chengtu public on January 25. On January 26 he will proceed to Kuanhsien to inspect conservancy work. — Central News.

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MAN OF THE LIMELIGHT

By A Political Correspondent

The strange and romantic story of Mr. Hore-Belisha has a Disraeli quality.

Both shared an open ambition for power; both were Jews; both had flamboyance as their most apparent characteristic.

And both had a noble ambition to do well in the service of the State, and were prepared to suffer—and did suffer—many reverses in the attainment of that ambition.

Mr. Hore-Belisha is probably the most outstanding example in our time of a man who succeeded in obtaining preferment in the Ministry without the background of ancestry; because he believed in himself.

I remember him first when he came to the House of Commons just after the war. He had served with distinction in that fight, been mentioned in despatches for valour, and had the additional cachet of having been in 1919 president of the Oxford Union.

There he wooed the arts of oratory (and, indeed, of publicity), which stood him in good stead when, as a young Liberal, he appealed to the Devonport division in 1923 to elect him as a Liberal.

COACH-AND-FOUR

There was a story, not denied, that Mr. Hore-Belisha won a great deal of money against the bank at a French casino, and dedicated this unexpected fortune to the furtherance of an ambition he had always had to obtain eminence in political life.

He is, of course, a rich man in his own right now.

His election at Devonport was a fair example of his spectacular methods. He engaged a coach-and-four and drove it round the streets of his constituency day by day. Whenever a crowd could be gathered he would blow a fanfare on the post-horn, and having brought together by this means the men and women from the surrounding houses, he addressed them from the box seat on the object of his election.

Were his methods un-English or wrong? Well, his constituents seem to have stuck to him.

So Mr. Hore-Belisha arrived at the House of Commons with the success of a spectacular election upon him, determined as never a man was before to secure high office by the joint aids of advertisement and ability.

He was then still a very young man as politicians go, ebullient, pushful, not obliged to slave for his bread and butter.

His age he has always concealed from "Who's Who," for no reason that one may discover, but he was, in fact, born on September 7, 1893, at 7, Kilburn Priory, London; named Isaac Leslie Belisha, after his father, Mr. Jacob Isaac Belisha.

He adopted the additional surname of Hore after, in 1912, his mother married Sir Charles Hore, following the death of her first husband.

The House of Commons saw him in those days of the early 1920's as a young man who carried a sheaf of the latest Government reports under his arm, who never missed an oppor-

tunity of knowing the right people, who was an ardent follower of Mr. Lloyd George, dressed with particular care, spoke with precision, avowedly made Disraeli his hero, and was prepared to challenge the methods and manners of all statesmen of the pre-war regime.

His first reward came in 1931, when he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, an office in which statistical knowledge enabled him, for the first time, to adorn the Front Bench of the House of Commons, with prescient competence, in replying to inquiries.

It may be said of him very truly at this time, as at all times during his career, that no personal relaxations, no pleasures of the body or mind were able to divert him from the attainment of the destiny and high office to which, following again the example of Disraeli, he dedicated the whole of his forces.

In 1932 he attained the office of Financial Secretary to the Treasury, a stepping-stone to the Cabinet itself. He seemed to be on the verge of almost unlimited advancement.

But soon there did undoubtedly come a break in his career. In 1934 politicians were inclined to wag their heads when he left the Treasury for an appointment as Minister of Transport. They said: "Ah, we knew that Hore-Belisha was getting on too fast. This is a step back. There must be something in it."

TOOK HIS CHANCES

Well, there wasn't. Whatever Hore-Belisha himself thought, he kept it to himself, and proceeded, as he has always done, to make the most of the opportunities which were offered to him.

He made the office of Transport Minister the most talked of in the Government.

Perhaps he was too spectacular. There were times when the newspapers felt rather a surfeit of Hore-Belisha in the campaign he waged to make safer the roads of Britain. Belisha beacons stand in his memory, and the experiments in road safety which he made were highly charged with publicity.

In office he advanced in assurance and aplomb. The young, eager Liberal self-seeker from the Oxford Union became an accomplished and urbane politician, who was as easy in his manner with Tory peers as with the workmen who made the new roads which he declared open.

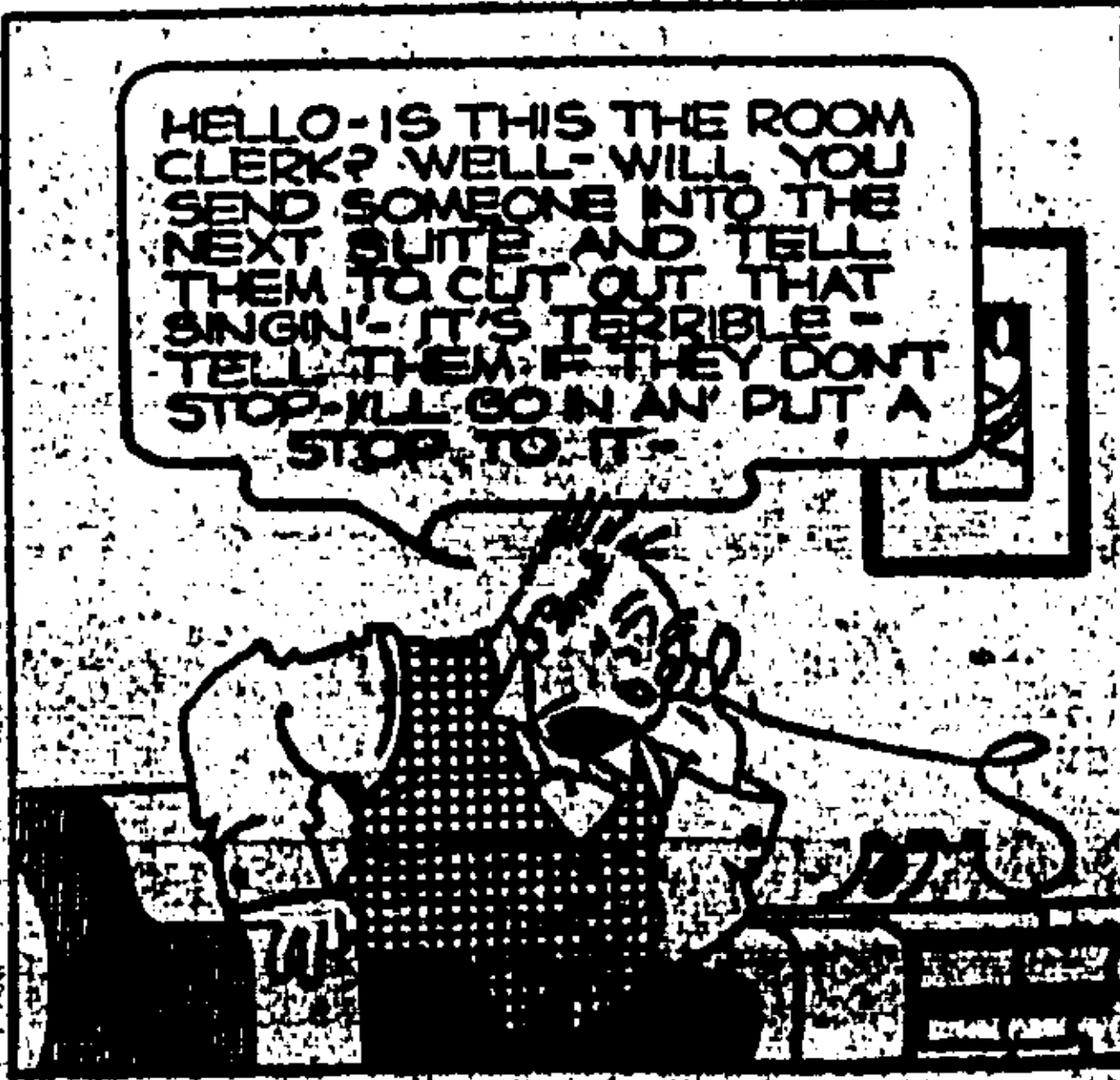
It was not, therefore, with great surprise that the House of Commons learned of his appointment in 1937 as Secretary of State for War, M.P.s had already decided that this was a young man—still young as politics go, for he was then in the early forties—who could not be kept down.

And undoubtedly the nation, accustomed to a more doctrinaire style of War Ministers, of men more tinctured with tradition in Service matters, was slightly staggered.

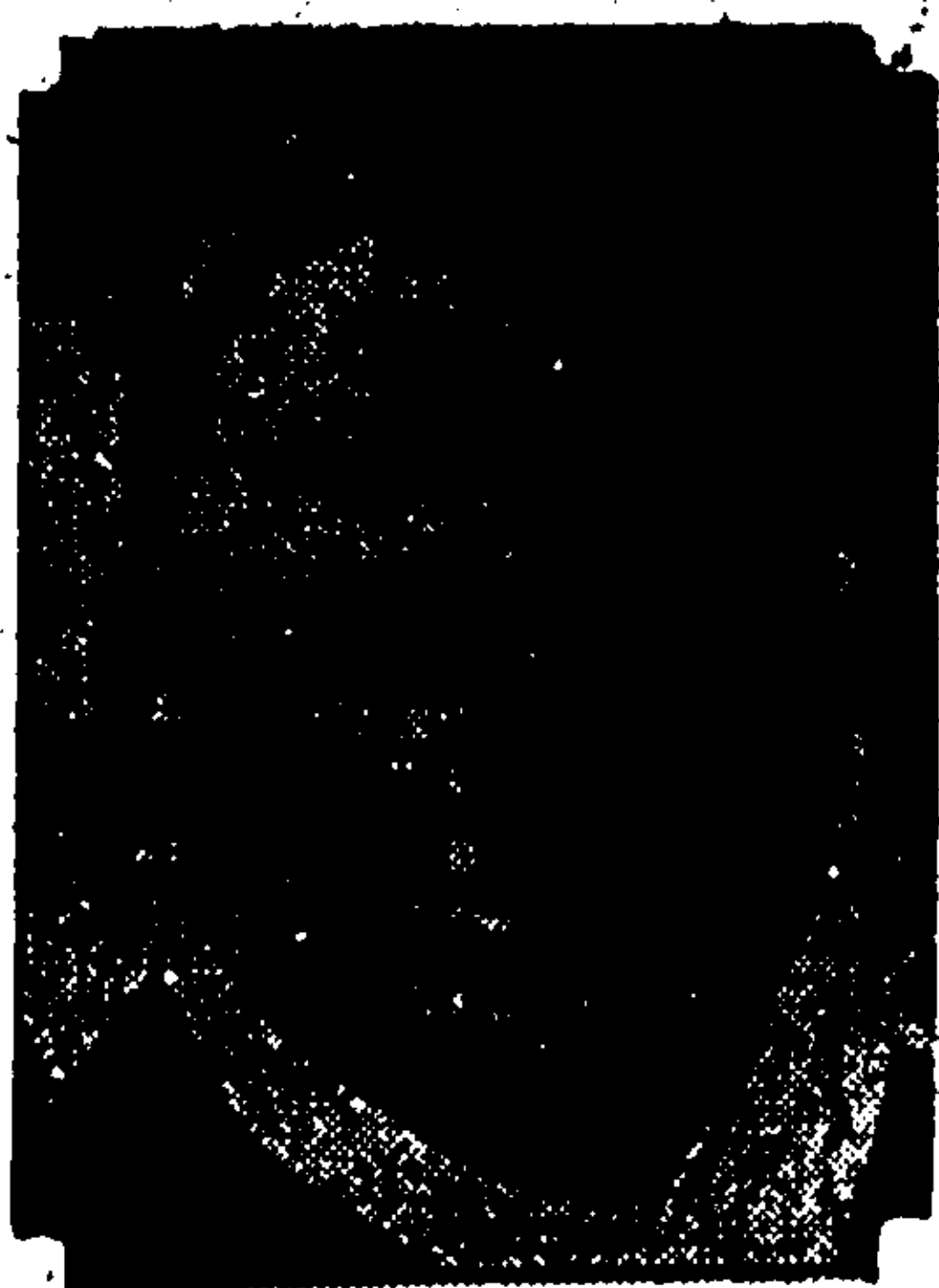
Here, they said, is a man who will

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Bringing Up Father



By George McManus



LITVINOFF . . . liquidated?

MAXIM LITVINOFF PURGED?

COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE REPORT FROM OSLO, M. MAXIM LITVINOFF, FORMER SOVIET FOREIGN COMMISSAR, HAS BEEN "LIQUIDATED" BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

The Moscow authorities, says the report, considered that he was friendly to the Western Powers and, therefore, was dangerous to Soviet Russia. —Reuter.

*** While Litvinoff was Foreign Commissar, the foreign policy of Russia seemed to be towards peace and the upholding of the Covenants of the League of Nations. Shortly after Molotov took over the post, a nationalistic, aggressive policy came into being, and those "eternal enemies" —Nazi-ism and Bolshevism—became allies.

NAZI ORAZIO CALUMNIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. Very strong indignation has been provoked here by calumnies against the French Navy made by the Nazi D.N.B. news agency in connection with the Orazio disaster.

D.N.B. declared it was to be stressed that fire broke out on the Italian liner immediately after the visit to the ship by the French contraband control, thus trying to insinuate that the liner was sabotaged by the French.

The accusation is not worth answering but it may be stressed that the contraband control visited the Orazio a full 24 hours before the disaster.

The French warship which stopped the Orazio took off nine Germans, and it is pointed out here that French naval and merchant ships were first on the scene and carried out rescue work.

Meanwhile the owners of the Italian liner announce that all the passengers are safe.—Havas.

ONLY 10 DEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Marseilles, To-day.

All the missing lifeboats containing passengers from the Italian liner Orazio have been picked up, and the only casualties were among the crew.

Several mechanics perished when they were trapped in the engine-room.

It is believed the disaster claimed no more than 10 deaths. —Havas.

Major Swyers, of No. 591, The Peak, has reported the theft of a child's bicycle from his garden.

MAN OF THE LIMELIGHT

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bring new blood into the Army's administration, who will defy red tape, encourage youth, and shatter the paralysis of seniority in control.

He justified the belief. Whatever the differences he may now have encountered with his colleagues, he stands on record as a man who made Lord Gort the Commander-in-Chief, who was in favour of young men of young ideas, who sent the Expeditionary Force of this war to France in full strength, and who has been selected by the Nazis, next to Mr. Winston Churchill, as the most hated of all British Ministers.

Leslie Hore-Belisha is too wise a man not to know that his present fortune is the fate of all statesmen. Eclipse? I have said that he shares a similarity with Disraeli.

THE NEW MAN

Here is quite a different type of politician. Service to the State is traditional in the Stanleys.

Mr. Oliver Stanley follows his father, the Earl of Derby, in going to the War Office. Lord Derby was War Minister in 1916 and introduced the famous "Derby Scheme" of recruitment. Mr. Stanley's assumption of that office makes the family motto, "Sans Changer" (without changing), particularly appropriate.

Mr. Stanley, at 43, has been President of the Board of Trade since 1937, but although he did not attain his first Ministerial post until 1933 the War Ministry will be his fifth Government post.

He was Minister of Transport from 1933-34 (and in this post he was succeeded by Mr. Hore-Belisha); Minister of Labour, 1934-35; President of the Board of Education, 1935-37. Within ten years of leaving Eton, he had been an Oxford graduate, an artillery major, a barrister, a stockbroker, and M.P. for Westmorland (which he has represented since 1924.)

In politics his reputation has increased steadily since he became President of the Board of Trade. Although looking very different from his curly father, the new War Minister is now credited with having the true "Stanley touch" in his speeches.

The general public may not find the name of Oliver Stanley very familiar. The conjunction of the two names "Oliver" and "Stanley" has a too curiously familiar sound.

Oliver Stanley was a fine soldier in the last war; and so, too, was Mr. Hore-Belisha.

MALAYA AN ARSENAL

Singapore, To-day.

Malaya was described in a broadcast as an arsenal manufacturing one of the most powerful of weapons — foreign exchange.

This description was applied by a Professor of Raffles College, Singapore, who pointed out that the United States buys tin and rubber from Malaya but that Malaya's purchases in the United States are small.

Malaya's credit in the United States is about \$6,000,000 a month, making it the most important source of American dollars in the Empire.—Reuter.

VAN ZEELAND SAFE

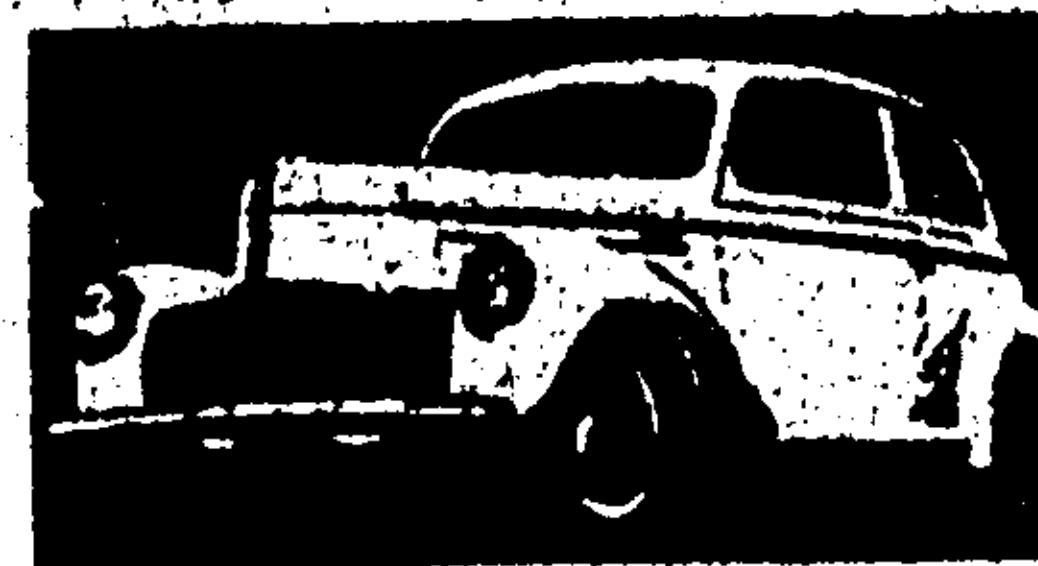
London, To-day.

It is now learned that, contrary to previous reports, M. Paul van Zeeland, the ex-Belgian Premier, was not on board the Orazio but was waiting to board the vessel at Barcelona.—Reuter.

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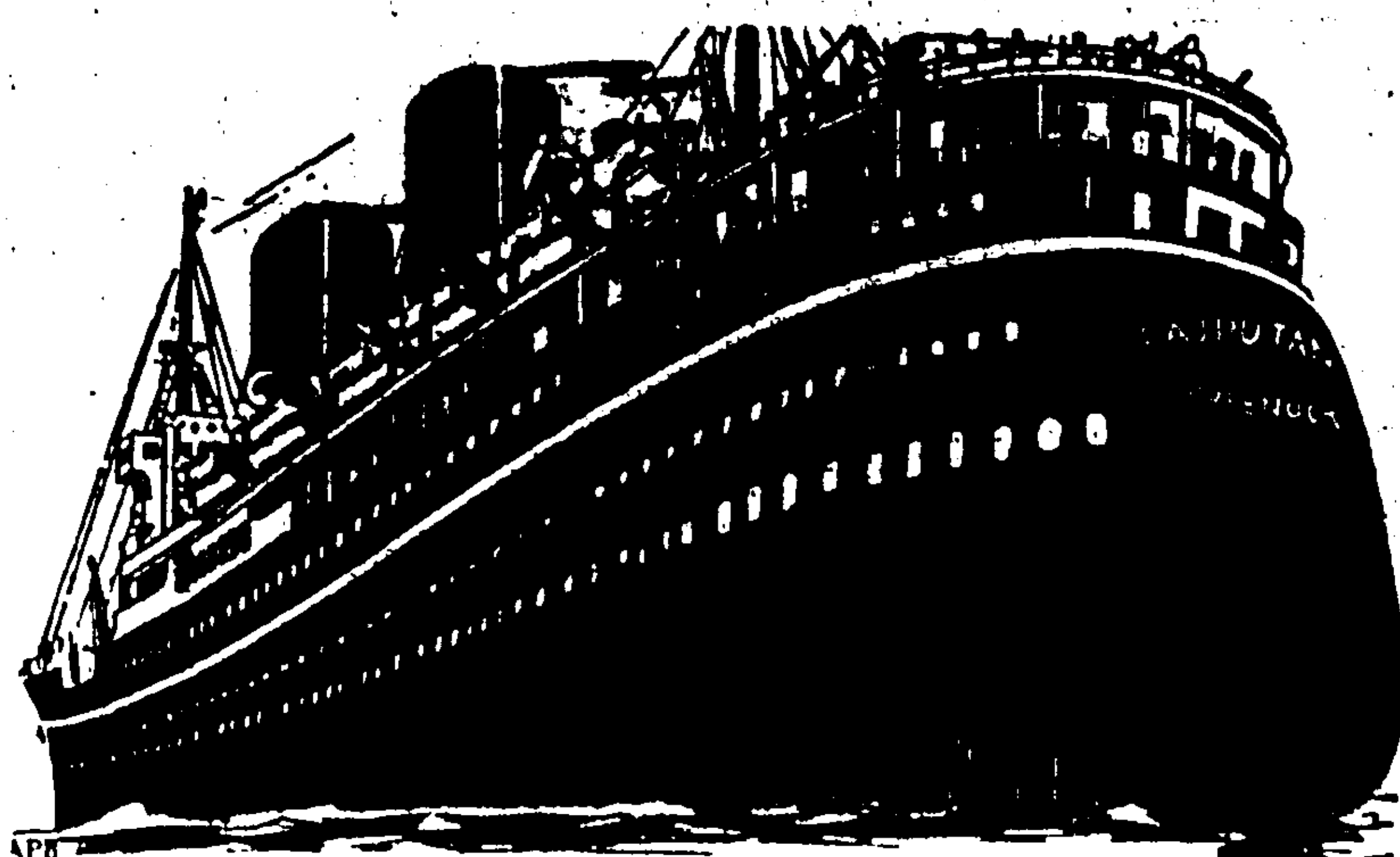
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Canton	January 24.
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Canton	January 24.
Amoy	January 24.
Salgon	January 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco, date 23rd December, 1939)	January 24.
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Straits	January 25.
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Japan	January 26.
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Haiphong	January 27.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th January	January 28.
Canton	January 28.
Japan and Shanghai	January 28.

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Fort Bayard	Reg.,	Tues., Jan. 23, 1.30 p.m.
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	Ord.,	Jan. 23, 5.30 p.m.
	Q.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 23, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 29th Jan.	K.P.O.	Ord., Jan. 23, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg.,	Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
	Q.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 23, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 23, 7.00 p.m.
Amoy		Jan. 23, 7.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		Wed., Jan. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai and Straits only for Tientsin		Wed., Jan. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 1st February.	Reg.,	Wed., Jan. 24, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Jan. 24, 5.30 p.m.
	Q.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 24, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Jan. 24, 7.00 p.m.
THURSDAY		
Canton		Jan. 25, 7.15 a.m.
Sandakan		Thur., Jan. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only)		Thur., Jan. 25, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong		Thur., Jan. 25, 3.00 p.m.
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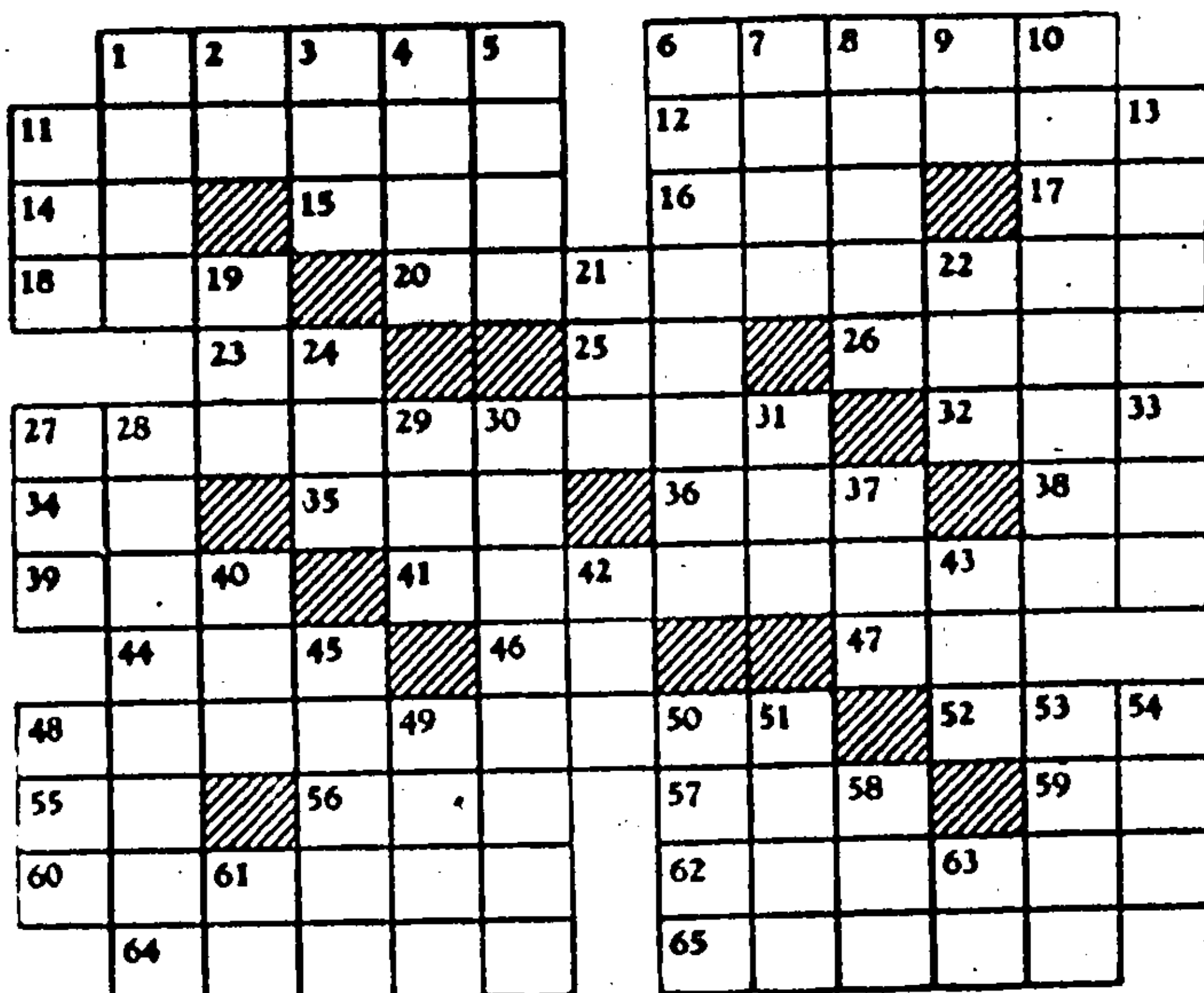
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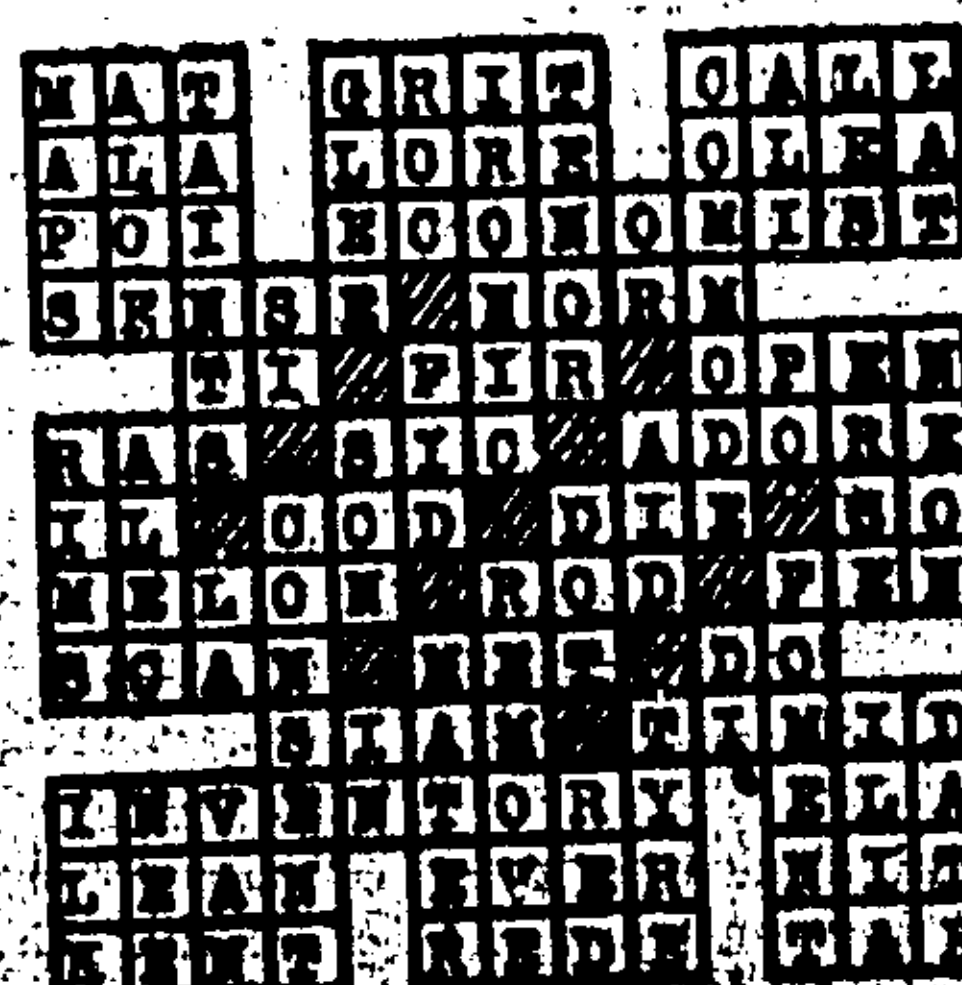
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- 47 Preposition
- 48 Wrongdoers

- 52 Club
- 55 Sloth
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- 60 Rapids
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- 1 Weed
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- 6 Orators
- 7 Lighted
- 8 Marries
- 9 Latin conjunction
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- 11 Disorderly crowd
- 15 Dry
- 19 French plural article
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- 24 Man's name
- 27 Spanish: of the
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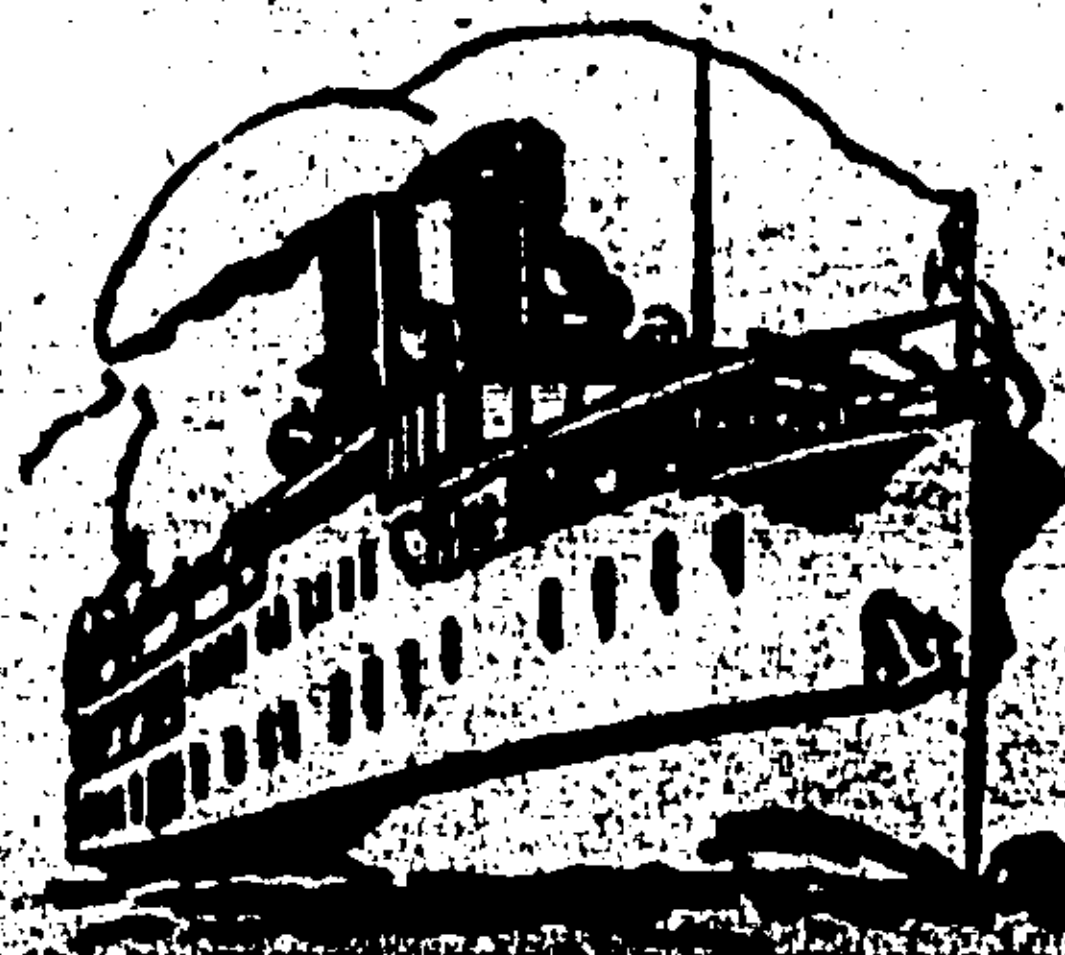
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GERMAN SABOTAGE ON BRITISH RAILWAYS?

London, Jan. 17.

Six hundred thousand workers on Great Britain's railways have been warned to keep a keen and constant look-out for suspicious characters who may be Nazi agents in disguise, reports the "Daily Telegraph" to-day.

Secret instructions, the newspaper declares, are stated to have been sent out by the railway companies to station masters, goods agents and heads of departments.

According to these instructions, the journal goes on, information has been received which suggests that the German intelligence service is planning to carry out acts of sabotage in the United Kingdom.

In such an event, the "Daily Telegraph" adds, lines of communications are likely to be the first target for enemy action, and immediate precautionary measures are advised. — Reuter.

PETROL RATIONS IN N.Z.

Wellington, To-day. Petrol rationing is to be re-introduced in New Zealand. It was suspended during December and January for the benefit of holiday-makers.—Reuter.

SOCCER FIXTURES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION

Army v Navy

(Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Omar.

Linesmen:—Ip and Silva.

SENIOR SHIELD REPLAY

FIRST ROUND

Club v Royal Scots

(Club, 4.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Glover.

Linesmen:—Bagham and Phillips.

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah v St. Joseph's

(Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Stokes.

Linesmen:—Dove and Hobson.

Kowloon v South China "B"

Referee:—D. Kossick.

Linesmen:—Wilson and Gibson.

SECOND DIVISION "A"

South China v 5th R.A.

(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Hinchcliffe.

30th R.A. v Club

(Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Ford.

SECOND DIVISION "B"

Air Force v University

(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Minniham.

THIRD DIVISION

Electric v Royal Scots

(Military, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Edwards.

Signale v Service Corps

(Military, 4.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Smith.

12th R.A. v International

(Stanley, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Horlock.

South China v Engineers

(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

Medicals v Kurmaons

(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

5th R.A. v 24th R.A.

(St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Barretto.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Chinese v Civilian

(Causeway Bay, 4.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Foseter.

Linesmen:—Glover and Beard.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

INSURANCES

China Underwriters \$1 1/4 s.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$75 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$102 b.

MINING

H.K. Mines 3 cts. b.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. Lands \$33 1/4 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17.65/70 sa.

Yaumati Ferries \$24 1/4 b.

China Lights (Old) \$7.80 s., \$7.70 sa.

China Lights (New) \$4 1/4 b.

H.K. Electrics \$55.40 b.

Macao Electrics \$18 1/2 b.

Sandakan Lights \$11 1/4 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$18.70 sa.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6.90 b.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. 16 1/2 sa.

Atoks Ps. 20 b.

Baguio Gold Ps. 24 1/2 sa.

Batong Buhay Ps. .014 sa.

Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.55 b.

Big Wedge Ps. 21 1/2 b.

Coco Grove Ps. 14 1/2 sa.

Consol. Mines Ps. .004 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. .13 sa.

East Mindanao Ps. .09 1/2 sa.

I.X.L. Ps. 39 1/4 b.

Ipo Gold Ps. 12 1/2 b.

Itogons Ps. 27 1/2 sa.

Masbates Ps. 11 1/2 sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .09 1/4 sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .11 b.

North Camarines Ps. .14 sa.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. 22 1/2 b.

San Mauricio Ps. .85 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. 17 1/2 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .13 b.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .026 sa.

United Paracales Ps. 31 1/2 sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16. Silver was quoted in London yesterday at 22 for both Spot and forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £ — U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York on London rate at £ — U.S.\$3.96-3/8.

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HAYMES BEATS LANDOLT

At the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday, J. H. Watts (plus 20) beat Doc Molthen (plus 9) 886-842, in the semi-final of the singles handicap. Watts, who received 55, scored 158, 162, 141, 184 and 186. Molthen scored 135, 180, 193, 147 and 187.

In the third round M. L. F. Haymes (plus 25) beat J. S. Landolt (plus 9) 536-493. Haymes, who received 48, scored 144, 148 and 196. Landolt scored 184, 177 and 162.

WAR BRINGS FORTUNE TO HOLY ISLAND

Years ago people on Holy Island, off the Northumberland coast, used to pray for a boat to be wrecked there. That was because of their poverty. When the present war broke out their descendants faced a bleak winter. Visitors vanished and fishing, the islanders' chief means of livelihood, was curtailed.

Then, several weeks ago, the 900-ton Norwegian steamer "Royal" ran aground near the island. Because of their knowledge of the tides, the islanders were put to work on refloating the vessel.

Nearly every lad and man was employed. They walked four miles daily to the ship. Their job ended recently, and £1,000 will be distributed among them—a godsend to many households.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

MARATHON WALK TO
OBTAIN CONFESSION

When Jennie Becker, wife of Abraham Becker, a chauffeur living in the Bronx, disappeared without any notice, it caused a lot of neighbourhood gossip. On the first day of her absence Abe said jokingly to a friend: "Congratulate me. I have just got rid of my wife."

Later, when the neighbours became persistent in their inquiries, he displayed a letter and a telegram signed in his wife's name. The letter said, among other things:

"I am leaving with another man to whom I was married before I met you."

But the neighbours, who were loyal to Jennie, didn't believe this. They told police they suspected foul play. Detective McCartin of the Morrisania station felt the same way about it. When he discovered that Becker had been living with another woman his suspicions were confirmed.

McCartin also learned that Becker was intimate with Harry Monstein, a fellow chauffeur and Reuben Norkin, an iron welder. Convinced that they shared guilty secrets with Becker, the detective began to question them.

By
GEORGE BARTON

Under pressure, Monstein said he had gone to Philadelphia and sent the letter and the telegram to Becker signed in his wife's name. For doing this he was paid \$10 and his expenses.

80 BECKER TALKED

McCartin then tried a trick he had learned from the famous Inspector Byrnes. He had Becker arrested and thrown into a cell. Satisfied that Monstein was not actually concerned in the woman's disappearance he put that worthy in the cell with Becker with instructions to "pump" him to the limit. But Monstein did not have to do any pumping. Becker wanted to talk and talk he did. It seemed to relieve his mind.

"Jennie will never come back," he confided to the stool pigeon in the cell. "I paid two fellows to bump her off. They drove up in a machine, hit her on the head with a hammer and buried her near an automobile road in the Bronx."

When Monstein asked for further details, Becker said that Norkin did the killing for \$100. The feeling was that it had been a "neat job" and the husband claimed that it would be impossible for the police to get anything on him.

But he reckoned without his old pal, Harry Monstein, whose first step, after being released, was to go to Detective McCartin and tell him the whole story. The case was nearly complete, but McCartin knew it would be useless to go before a jury until the body had been found and duly identified. The statement that



it had been interred in a lot near an automobile road in the Bronx was too general. They might dig up half of New York City without finding it. So McCartin resolved to try another plan that he had learned in the school of detection.

WEARING HIM DOWN

He went to Norkin, charged him with the crime, demanded to know where he had buried Jennie Becker. Norkin denied having anything to do with it. So McCartin took him in hand, led him to approximately where the burial had taken place and asked him to point out the exact spot.

"I don't know and I can't tell you," retorted the harassed one.

"Then I'm going to walk you up and down this plot of ground until you do tell me," said the detective.

So the marathon began. He marched Norkin over the ground not once but a hundred times. The man was on the point of a physical and nervous breakdown, but still he would not give in. The walk was resumed. Norkin protested.

"Unless you tell me, I'll keep this up forever. I'll keep it up until hell freezes over," said the detective.

Near the end of the third hour Norkin gave a shriek of despair and pointed to a plot of ground they had passed repeatedly.

"There," he cried, "she is buried there!"

The body was recovered and both Becker and Norkin went to the chair.

SCARCITY
OF COAL
IN BERLIN

The scarcity of coal in Berlin, where shopkeepers now get one-third of their usual supply, has hit the population terribly hard in this severe winter. The ice has closed all canals, and the railways are used for supplies to the Western Front. In these circumstances drastic action has been decided on.

Every Sunday, when railway traffic is not so great as on weekdays, special trains will carry coal to the capital and all big towns. All members of the Nazi organizations, including the Hitler Youth, are required to unload the trains voluntarily and take the coal to the retailers, from whom citizens must fetch it themselves. For a long time shopkeepers have not been allowed to deliver coal to their customers. The only exception now is that the voluntary workers can deliver coal to invalids and old people.

There is also a scarcity of potatoes in Berlin. Dealers get only one-half the usual supply, and this is rendered more inconvenient because of the lack of all kinds of vegetables this winter.

A Hamburg tavern-keeper named Friedrich Riech has been sentenced to three years' hard labour for listening to foreign broadcasts and allowing others to do the same. Apparently he and a circle of trusted clients were in the habit of tuning in to French stations and listening to the news. As soon as a stranger came in the current was switched off.

SPY
UNMASKED
IN SYDNEY

The war, with all its ramifications, is still spreading itself in incorrigible fashion over all the principal pages of the Australian newspapers, writes the Brisbane correspondent of the "North-China Daily News." Even the national pastime, racing, seems to be getting far less of a spread than it merits. The first Australian shot of the war has been fired but it pans out to be far less than imagined on reading the news story. Port Darwin on the northern coast is the scene of the incident.

It appears that a pearling lugger, making for port, refused to heave to when ordered, so a 6-inch shell was fired across her bow. The vessel stopped, was examined and allowed to proceed.

The master of the lugger said that he did not recognize the examining boat which ordered the ship to halt and so continued. The master was Japanese. Queried, he said he didn't understand.

Much more dramatic is the unmasking of a spy in Sydney. A crumpled piece of paper with a jumble of figures and letters was found in his office by a businessman. He gave the paper to the military intelligence officers who, in three days, broke the code.

The message was an accurate survey of the dispositions and lines of fire at one of the most important points of the coastal defences of Australia.

The trail led to an elderly woman, keeper of a boarding house, who had

WITTY
Kitty

The honeymoon is over when the groom finds the bride has little or no respect for the household budget.

left the coat in the office. It had been left by a boarder, but she could supply only the haziest of details about the guest who had left. It was enough though for the intelligence officers who found persons with better memories. The news story then concludes in bold type: Official action followed quickly.



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The Studio

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Inter-
cession.
12.30 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in E
Flat Major. Artur Schnabel and
Karl Ulrich Schnabel (Two Pianos)
and The London Symphony Orches-
tra conducted by Adrian Boult.
12.55 p.m.—A Mozart Song.
Vanish'd Are Ye (The Dove Song from
"The Marriage of Figaro")... Tiana
Lennitz (Soprano) with The Berlin Phil-
harmonic Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
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Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Royal Naval Singers in Sea
Shanties and Songs.
Sea Shanties. Intro: Billy Boy; Johnny
Come Down to Hilo; I'll Go No More A-
Roving; Rio Grande.
Sea Songs. Intro: Jolly Roger; Sailors'
Chorus.

1.13 p.m.—New Light Symphony
Orchestra.
"The Dubarry"—Selection.
Intermezzo (Coleridge-Taylor).
"Princess Ida"—Selection (Sullivan).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
3/4 Quick Step—Cuban Lady; Fox-Trot—
Gypsy Tears... Mantovani & His Orch.
Waltz—Love In Your Eyes; Tango—This Is
The Kiss Of Romance... Eugene Pini &
His Tango Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Wish Me Luck as You Wave
Me Good-bye; There's Something Wrong
With The Weather... Billy Cotton & His
Band.
Waltz Medley. Intro: Roses are blooming
in loveland; There's danger in the Waltz;
The Little Golden Ring.
Fox-Trot Medley. Intro: Stairway to the
Stars; I never knew heaven could speak;
If I were sure of You... Billy Thorburn
at the Piano with Drums.
Fox-Trots—The Big Dipper... Larry Clin-
ton & His Orchestra; Dipsy Doodle...
Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra.

8.11 p.m.—Respighi—"The Birds"—A
Suite for Small Orchestra. Brussels
Royal Conservatoire Orchestra cond.
by Desire Defauw.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—The Tonoff Trio
playing Enrico Bossi Trio, Op. 107, in
D Minor.
Allegro moderato. Scherzo Vivace.
Dialogo Larghetto. Finale Festoso.
9.00 p.m.—Two Songs by Amelita
Galli-Curci (Soprano).
Chanson Indoue ("Sadko"—Rimsky-
Korsakov).
Les Filles De Cadix (Delibes).
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Re-
cent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on
the Table".
9.45 p.m.—A Variety Programme with
Max Miller, Phil Regan, Frances
Day, Connie Boswell and Others.
Vocal—At The Bathing Parade (film
'Everything happens to Me'); Everything
Happens To Me (from the film)... Max
Miller with Orchestra.
Instrumental—Many Happy Returns of the
Day (Dubin & Burke)... Eddie Peabody
playing his Banjo, Guitar, Mandoline &
Mando-Cello with Own Vocal Refrain
and Piano.
Vocal—You Took Me Out Of This World
(Vallée & Others); The Man I Love
(Gershwin)... Dorothy Lamour with
Orchestra.
Banjo—Joy Dance (Kirby); La Vivandiere
(Kirby)... Ernest Jones with Leslie
Bartlett at the Piano.
Vocal—A Sweet Irish Sweetheart of Mine
(film 'Outside of Paradise'); Outside of
Paradise (from the film)... Phil Regan
with Orchestra.
Vocal—Love's Melody (film 'Dreams come
true'); So Must Our Love Remain (film
'Dreams come true')... Frances Day
(Soprano) with Orchestra.
Comedian—How The So-And-So Can I Be
Happy (Max Miller)... Max Miller with
Orchestra.
Two Pianos—Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 19.
Intro: Undecided; F. D. R. Jones; The
Lady's in love with you; That Sly old
gentleman; Sing a song of Sunbeams;
A blue canoe for two... Ivor Moreton
and Dave Kaye with string bass and
drums.
Vocal—On The Beach At Ball-Ball—Fox-
Trot; I Met My Waterloo—Fox-Trot...
Connie Boswell with Bob Crosby & His
Orchestra.
10.35 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Flip; Flop... Joe Venuti & His
Orchestra.
Tangos—By The Black Sea; My Dream
Tango... George Boulanger & His Orch.
Fox-Trots—Romping; Who? ... Frankie
Newton & His Orchestra.
Quickstep—Chopsticks... Jack Hylton &
His Orchestra.
Waltz—Vienna So Gay (from 'Maritza')...
Tango—Play Gypsy (from 'Maritza')...
Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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A SQUEEZEROO

In technical terms the case where
Declarer in running off some long suit
squeezes himself is known as the "sui-
cide" squeeze. However, a friend of
ours recently dubbed this play... the
"squeezeroo," and we like the name so
much we have decided to adopt it.
Here is an example of this play:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 2
♥ 9 8 7 4 2
♦ K J 9 5
♣ A 2
♠ Q J 2
♥ Q 10 5
♦ 8 7 6
♣ K 5 4 3
♠ N
♥ W
♦ E
♣ S
♠ A 10 9 8
♥ K J
♦ A Q 10
♣ Q 10 9 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Hoping to find his partner's long
suit, West opened the Queen of
spades. South Won and returned the
ten. East and West now coaxed two
spade tricks and De-
clarer then won the
fourth round. Now he
played the Ace and
another club, finessing
the nine-spot in his
hand. An alert player,
West decided that his
partner's Jack of clubs
would drop on the
next round. Hence he
allowed South to win the trick.

Declarer could now have made his
contract either by laying down the
club Queen or by playing a diamond
to dummy and then making the cor-
rect guess in hearts. However, in-
stead of making either of these plays,
South proceeded to run off four dia-
mond tricks. On the last diamond
East discarded a heart, and now South
was in the toils of a self-imposed

squeeze. He could not blank his
King of hearts. Hence he discarded a
club. Observing this, West also threw
a heart, which left him with one heart
and the King and another club. Now
Declarer led a heart from dummy.
East jumped in with the Ace and play-
ed his club, whereupon West won the
last two tricks.

You were David Bruce Burnstone's
partner yesterday and held:

♠ A K x x
♥ x x x
♦ A x x
♣ A x x

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	Jacoby	You
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	(?)

*Your correct opening bid was
one spade—not one club.

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to
pass. From the bidding it is obvious
that your partner has nothing in
hearts. Hence, three notrump should
be hopeless. Furthermore, with your
balanced distribution five diamonds
looks very unlikely.

Score 100% for pass, 60% for four
diamonds, 30% for three notrump.

QUESTION NO. 315

You are Oswald Jacoby's partner.
The opponents are vulnerable, you
are not. You hold:

♠ A x x x
♥ A J x x
♦ Q J
♣ K x x

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maier	You
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	1♥	1NT
2♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
4♦	Pass	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)

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SOFTBALL NOTES

RECREIO SOFTBALLERS WIN AGAIN; FINE RECORD

International Beat Liga After Extra Inning

MACHINE-GUNNERS' IMPROVED FIELDING

(By "GRANDSTAND")

RECREIO ACES further strengthened their lead in the men's section by giving English Forum a 9-2 trouncing. This makes nine straight victories for the ramblers with nary a setback.

Jackie Noronha was on the firing line for the Aces. He struck out two, issued no free passes to first, and allowed three hits. Bill Quon fanned one, walked none and was nipped for 10 hits.

Recreio made four errors to Forum's eight. Three of the Recreio errors were made by Johnny Alvares at shortstop. Eddie Gosano smacked a four ply hit for Recreio and Bill Quon homered for Forum.

R. H. E.
Recreio "A" . . . 0 2 1 0 3 3 x—9 10 4
Forum . . . 0 0 0 0 1 0 1—2 3 8

With Jackie Noronha again on the firing line, Recreio "B" had all easy 10 to 1 victory over the Filipino Club.

The Aces nipped Enoc Loyola for nine hits, while the Southern boys could only connect for two bingles off Noronha. Both pitchers struck out two and walked none. Betty Gosano banged a circuit-clout in the fourth for the longest hit of the game.

R. H. E.
Recreio "B" . . . 3 0 4 2 0 1 x—10 9 1
Filipino . . . 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 2 6

In the opener at C.B.A. ground International just managed to push two tallies across the plate to take the long end of a 6-4 score against the Liga contingent.

EXTRA INNING

The game went one extra inning before the issue could be decided. The score was 4-4 at the end of the seventh. In this stanza Liga were blanked. International in their turn to bat scored two runs on two hits and an error to tuck the game away.

Baker's home run was the big hit of the fray.

R. H. E.
International . . . 1 0 1 0 1 1 2—8 6 3
Liga . . . 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—4 4 2

Although dropping a 5-2 count to the Canadian Chinese, No. 3 M.G. put up a good fight, making only four errors which is tops for them especially when they were up against a first-class team. The Emma Gees usually make errors in double figures, but this time they tightened up to give the "Canucks" a great battle if not a good scare!

The "Maple Leafs" took the lead at the outset with two tallies in the initial frame and three more in the second. The khaki boys replied with two counters in the second, and, as it turned out, the only runs they scored.

G. G. Lee toed the rubber for three innings. In the fourth, with the score 5-2, the "Canucks" did not take any more chances. Herbie Quon relieved G. G. Lee on the mound and held the defenceless scoreless for the rest of the game. He struck out six M.G.'s in succession.

A two-bagger by G. G. Lee and a double by L. Bunn topped the batting list.

R. H. E.
Canadian Chinese 2 3 0 0 1 3 0—9 9 0
Machine Gunners 0 2 0 0 0 0—2 5 4

Costly errors by the Walkermen cost Hong Kong Baseball Club their game. Hong Kong Ball Club emerged victorious 5-2 in a well-contested game.

Doc Molthen was going like wild-fire on the slab but did not receive good support from the fielders, who misused seven times to break Doc's heart.

In a heart-breaker for the C.B.A. huskies, Trojans came from behind in the third inning to take the game away from the Britishers.

GOOD PITCHING JOB

Bond and "Smudge" Smith took turns on the mound for C.B.A. and did a good job of it, but bonehead errors by the C.B.A. infielders gave the game away. In the sixth the score was 3-1 in favour of C.B.A. In the sixth and seventh Trojans rallied to garner eight runs and salt the game away.

In a friendly tussle, Club de Recreio avenged their defeat the hands of the Tulemen two weeks ago when they overwhelmed the mighty Tule 10-4 in a listless tilt.

Tule were without the services of their backbone, Shanty Moore, and third baseman Jack Hoffman, and the absence of these two stalwarts made that much difference to the smooth running of the Tule squad.

Recreio went on a rampage in the first inning with a total of seven runs, putting four hits off "Smudge" Smith and the two Tule errors. It was "Smudge" all day!

Good pitching came to the rescue on the eighth but the heat was already too hot to be beaten.

The Tule only won in the first and second innings. It was all Recreio.

Good pitching came to the rescue on the eighth but the heat was already too hot to be beaten.

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INTERPORT SIDE GETTING INTO SHAPE

The Interport team for Shanghai is gradually getting into shape and to date the following have accepted the invitation.

Moxham, Hussain, K. Forrow, E. Strange A. V. Gosano, D. Leonard, T. Castilho, T. Honniball, McEwan, Maxwell, Fox and Guy.

Sheehan, Bright and Hossack who were originally selected have declined but there is a probability that Hossack may still be granted permission to accompany the team.

Fowler, S. Strange and Bone have not replied yet and their final answer is expected to-day.

A. Kirby who was appointed manager of the team cannot obtain the necessary leave.

SOCCER TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent the Chinese against the Civilians in the Lai Wah Cup on the Nany ground on Sunday, at 3.30 p.m.:

Cheong Wing-choi; Li Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai; Soong Ling-sing, Hau King-seng and Leung Wing-chiu; Chung Yung-sum, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-long (Capt.) and Hau Sing-to. Reserves—Lau Hing-hon, Hau Yung-sang, Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Chi-chai, Chung Kai-hoi, Chau Man-chi, Cheuk Shek.

The home team was out of the game for the longest while of the tilt, while Eddie Gosano and Eddie Dos were good for a double apiece.

SCORES AT A GLANCE		
MEN'S		
Recreio "A"	9 Forum	2
Recreio "B"	10 Filipino	1
Canadian Chinese	9 S.M.G.	2
Ball Club	5 Baseball Club	2
Trojans	9 C.B.A.	6
GIRLS		
Wildcats	16 Cubs	4
Recreio	18 Pirates	7
Wahoos	6 Ball Girls	1
Panthers	22 Cardinals	9
INTER-HONG		
Cables	9 Texaco	7
Scotchy	7 N.Y. City Bank	3
R.A.F.	27 China Provident	12
Green Spot	7 Chartered Bank	3
H.K. Electric	10 H.K. Bank	4

SOFTBALL GIRLS' SECTION

SPECTATORS' UNRULY BARRACKING

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Playing on their own ground Ramblers overwhelmed Maudie Read's scrappy Pirates, 18-7. This was another of those frays in which the team with more miscues won the game. The Portuguese girls booted 11 to Pirates' 10.

Margaret Oliveira was not her usual self at the windy alley. She booted five and her partner Ding-Dong Lopes at the keystone was just as off colour with the three bobbles against her.

Mary Lachlan started on the rubber for Recreio, but was yanked in the initial frame after she allowed two Pirates to cross the plate on two hits. Anna Noronha took over the assignment and held the Bucs to five runs and four hits in the remaining stanzas. She fanned two and walked none. Read whiffed three and walked three.

Recreio's nine-hit assault included a homer apiece by Margaret Oliveira and Irene Pereira and a double by Anna Noronha. Pirates' longest hit was a double by Maudie Read.

R. H. E.
Recreio Girls . . . 3 0 1 5 3 6 x—18 9 11
Pirates . . . 2 0 0 1 2 0—7 6 10

Belting 16 solid blows off finger Grandma Hutchinson Wildcats gave Bill Smith's lowly Bruins a 16-4 larruping in the curtain-raiser at Prince Edward Road ground.

Lily "Synaphine" Mar chucked a creditable game limiting the Cubs to two hits; she struck out five and walked five. Grandma Hutchinson was not so fortunate on the slab from where she whiffed one and issued seven free passes to first.

Cubs misused seven times afield to Wildcats' three.

Lily Mar provided the only round-tripper of the game. Other long hits were a double each by Lily, Doris and Mary Mar and Ella China.

R. H. E.
Wildcats . . . 4 0 1 6 0 3 2—16 16 3
Cubs . . . 0 0 2 0 0 0—4 2 7

Marrled by some unruly razzing Wahoos trampled on the Ball girls for a 6-1 win.

Razzing in itself is the spice of the game, but some spectators seem to be under the impression that razzing includes interfering with the players. We hope that in future, umpires see to it that this kind of razzing is stopped to give the players a better chance.

Theresa Noronha, who pitched a no-hit game, fanned five Ball girls and passed two. Thelma Colloco, on the mound for Ball girls, struck out five and walked none.

One of the neatest double-killings in the girls' section was dashed out in the last stanza of the tilt when F. Figueredo pounced Jacky Anderson's fly at centre field and doubled Theresa Noronha at second with a perfect throw.

Big hitters of the encounter were Lena and Roxy Luongo and Irene Costilho who all doubled.

R. H. E.
Wahoos . . . 2 3 0 0 0 1 0—6 10 5
Ball Girls . . . 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 0 7

In the nightcap Baby Panthers had their own way both on the field and with the bat to top Doc Molthen's Cardinals in a 22-0 merry-go-round.

The Kittens rapped Etengen and Marina Lavadia, who took turns on the mound for Cardinals, for 16 blows including one homer by Norma Silva and another by Melvy Campos and two doubles by Theresa Marques and Lella Xavier.

Celeste Marques on the slab for Panthers conceded five hits, struck out 2 and walked one.

Errors galore featured the game. Cardinals made 14 bobbles six of which were by Betty Lonsbottom and four by Marie Roza. Melvy Campos topped the miscue list for her team with six bobbles.

R. H. E.
Panthers . . . 0 3 1 2 0 6 10—22 16 10
Cardinals . . . 1 0 0 2 3 2 1—9 5 14

MORE BAD LUCK

R. W. Silver, selected as hooker to the Interport Rugby team, is unable to make the trip north.

E. Bond, already invited, is now likely to be the hooker.

The Interport Rugby team is unable to make the trip north.

kam and Li Shek-yau.

Players are requested to be on the ground at 3 p.m. and to notify Mr. Walter Hanning Chen (Tel. 24020) if they are unable to play.

INTERPORT PRACTICE

The following will represent Rest of the Colony against the Hong Kong Interport team to meet Saigon, tomorrow at Caroline Hill at 4.30 p.m.

—Moxham (R.E.); A. J. Hussain (St. Joseph's) and Hills (R.A.S.C.); Guy (30th R.A.), Forrow (Club) and Honniball (St. Joseph's); Cheung Young Sam (Eastern); D. Leonard (St. Joseph's); Fox (R.E.); E. Strange (Club) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern) Reserves—A. Bone (Club), J. Maxwell (Kowloon), Duffield (R.A.O.C.), and T. Castilho (St. Joseph's).

Players are requested to report to Mr. C. A. Goldenberg at the dressing room at 4.15 p.m.

F.A. DECISION

London, 10-day.

The League Management Committee at yesterday's meeting decided that all postponed or abandoned football matches must be replayed in full.

HOCKEY

WEAK CLUB "A" TEAM DRAW WITH R.A.F.

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

AT KING'S PARK yesterday afternoon, Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" shared two goals with a team from Air Force in a friendly match, after leading 1-0 at the interval.

Owing to six regular players being at the Volunteer Camp, Club had to substitute several Navy men and there was little combination as a result.

Woolgar and Baxter were the only outstanding Club forwards; they both played a sound game but lacked support. Lusson, in the pivotal position, was a tower of defence and distributed well.

STOUT DEFENCE

Goodwin and Spencer, Club backs, kept the opposing forwards beyond shooting range, otherwise Air Force would probably have scored twice at least. Brown was fairly good between sticks.

Air Force forwards combined well and were superior to Clubs', but they were held in check by the Club backs' stern efforts.

Their defence was not so severely

Owing to unavoidable circumstances "Squaddy's" "Army Sport-light" feature has been held over and will appear in to-morrow's editions.

tested as their wing-halves always kept a close watch on Club forwards.

Woolgar scored the Club goal shortly after the start from a centre from Chapman, while the Air Force goal was netted by Bartlett, as the result of a solo effort, in middle of the second period.

Club:—Brown; Goodwin and Spencer; Lemon, Lusson and Bax; Bannister, Woolgar, Lowe, Baxter and Chapman.

Air Force:—Moulton; Wakefield and Webber; Baynam, Pennington and Lillie; Corser, Harrison, Bartlett, Highlands and Gillespie.

C.B.S. PENALISED

Recreio Ladies have been awarded two points as a result of Central British School failing to field a team in their scheduled Caer Clark Cup fixture on Sunday.

HOCKEY PLAYER HAS "PERSONAL SHOWER"

Miss Violet Bradbury, "Y" Ladies' hockey player, is to marry Mr. Sydney Fowler, Interport hockey player, on February 3 at St. Andrew's Church.

Yesterday the Misses K. and M. Glendinning gave a tea party at their residence in Miss Bradbury's honour, and the party was in the nature of a "personal shower" — an Australian expression for a party at which the guests bring a gift for the guest of honour.

Among those present were Mrs. Lyal Glendinning, Mrs. S. Gardner, Mrs. E. L. Strange, Mrs. G. C. Burnett and the Misses I. Buchanan, D. Moss, J. Weller and J. Bradbury.

RIFLE SHOOT

Following are the results of Hong Kong Rifle Association's shoot at Stonecutters on Saturday:—

		APERTURE SIGHTS		
		200	300	500
		Yds.	Yds.	Yds.
L/Cpl. S. G. Brighty	1	32	31	34
Pte. G. A. Ribeiro	3	32	30	32
S.I. (R) C. C. Chan	Scr.	30	31	32
J. A. Guard	Scr.	32	31	30
Sgt. (R) P. H. Thong	Scr.	33	30	30
Sgt. R. J. Breese	1	32	32	29
J. G. Biles	3	31	31	29
S.I. (R) A. C. Chaq	2	32	28	30
H. J. S. Blake	Scr.	30	32	28
T. R. Langly	2	32	31	28
Sgt. (R) K. C. Hoo	1	30	32	28
L. W. Peckham	3	32	30	25
L. C. Thorne	8	28	31	27
A.S.P. (R) D. Lole	2	28	33	25
E. J. Mitchell	8	29	28	27

		OPEN SIGHTS		
		30	33	31
Q.M.S. J. Ball Nil		30	33	31
Cpl. F. Cole	5	30	28	28
L/Cpl. A. D'Aquino	5	31	30	25
Cpl. V. M. Hammond	1	31	32	23
W. K. Gillman	Scr.	30	29	26
Sgt. M. F. Rushman	6	30	27	26
Mne. Jas. Fletcher	8	22	32	26
Pte. J. M. Xavier	7	28	28	24
Sgt. R. J. Heap	3	29	28	23
H. S. Jones	11	28	26	25
Capt. F. P. Sequeira	5	24	28	26
L/Cpl. J. E. Hawkins	7	24	28	25
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios	7	27	29	21
L/Sgt. O. T. Leong	10	25	28	25
V. R. J. Merrett	7	27	26	23
Pte. J. C. Fonseca	8	27	26	21
Cpl. A. F. Ferreira	12	29	25	17
Pte. G. A. Noronha	12	24	22	24
Cpl. J. C. Remedios	10	26	22	21
Pte. V. A. Sequeira	Nil	27	24	17
Pte. A. J. Castro	13	28	18	19

(* Winner of nett spoon. (†) Winner of Handicap spoon. Winners of (*) and (†) Spoons will have their handicaps reduced by one point.

SUNDAY'S SHOOT

H. K. Rifle Association is holding a spoon shoot at Kowloon City next Sunday. The programme has been arranged by the R.N. Dockyard Rifle Club and the Commodore will present the prizes at the conclusion of shooting.

YACHTING

TRUE BLUE AGAIN

Following were the results of the third ladies' race, second series, held by Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 6.7 miles:

	Finished	Pos.	Pts.
True Blue	16.20.18½	1	10
(Miss Crawhall Wilson).			
Redshank	16.22.43	2	8
(Mrs. M. N. Luce).			
Jean	16.22.48	3	6
(Mrs. V. Gowlland).			
Gull	16.25.47½	4	4
(Mrs. G. S. Adams).			
Guri	16.25.53	5	3
(Miss L. A. Helberg).			
La Linda	D.N.F.		

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB

DAVIES WINS GOLF TITLE

The following Kowloon Golf Club activities are notified:—

Club Championship—The final was won by A. E. Davies who beat R. K. Collings at the 36th hole.

Junior Championship—The winner of this event was T. Henderson who beat W. Kershaw by 9 and 8.

Captain's Cup—The following players qualified over the week-end. S. Jex-81 (10) 71, M. F. Pinna 91 (18) 73.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following teams will represent Y.M.C.A. at hockey this week:—

THURSDAY

"A" XI v Hong Kong-Singapore Brigade. R.A. Benwell, Jordan and Perry; Smith, McLellan and Tomlinson; Stone, Gemmell, Bartlett, Auden and Baldwin. (At try-ground, 4.35 p.m.)

SATURDAY

"B" XI v Harbour Rifles: Benwell, Jordan and Taylor; Kampion, Bates and Wain; Smith, Gemmell, Taylor, Auden and Colman. (At try-ground, 4.15 p.m.) "C" XI v "D" XI: Benwell, Jordan and Taylor; Kampion, Bates and Wain; Smith, Gemmell, Taylor, Auden and Colman. (At try-ground, 4.15 p.m.)

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YOUNG ARREST JAPANESE POLICE SILENT

Washington, To-day.

The Japanese police in Tokyo have so far refused to announce the charge on which James Russel Young, Far East representative of the International News Service and former business manager of the "Japan Advertiser," is being detained, Mr. Joseph Grew, U.S. Ambassador to Tokyo, has advised Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State.

Young, who has just returned to Tokyo from a tour of Western China, was taken into custody on Sunday.

The Japanese police have also refused to give any indication when he may be released, reports Mr. Grew, who adds that the American Embassy has indicated its interest and will follow matters very closely.—Reuter.

TURKEY AGAIN ROCKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara, To-day.

A new series of earthquakes has been felt throughout Turkey in the last 48 hours. The tremors were especially strong in eastern Anatolia.

Only three victims have been reported so far. — Havas.

ANOTHER NEUTRAL TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

Two further shipping losses, one British and one Greek, occurred yesterday, according to an announcement in London.

A British armed trawler was sunk in the North Sea, apparently by a mine.

Ten men were killed, one of whom was an officer and the others ratings.

The second sinking was that of the 5,000-ton Greek freighter Ekaton-tarcjoe Dracoulis off the Portuguese coast with the loss of 10 lives. The ship was torpedoed.

A Portuguese destroyer rescued 28 of the crew and an Italian vessel picked up 12 others in a lifeboat.

The Greek freighter was on the way to Rotterdam and was torpedoed 50 miles off Estoril.—Reuter.

R.A.F. NOT GUILTY

The Hague, To-day.

It is officially announced that the foreign plane which flew over Holland yesterday afternoon was a German machine.

Holland will protest to Berlin. — Reuter.

LONDON ENQUIRY

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry state that full enquiries made into the Dutch official announcement regarding foreign planes over Holland have established that the aircraft in question could not have been British.—Reuter.



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Macao, To-day.

A large force of Chinese troops are reported to be near the outskirts of Canton, according to vernacular reports, which add that martial law has been enforced in Canton by the Japanese military. There are also reports that the sailing of the s.s. Shing Cheong to Canton has been indefinitely postponed.—Our Own Correspondent.

There were 19 cases of small-pox in the Colony last week (16 deaths). Sixteen were in Kowloon, one in Victoria and two from the harbour. A further three cases, two in Kowloon and one on the island, were reported yesterday.

The first casualty from the cold spell in the Colony was registered this morning when the police found the body of a destitute Chinese near the entrance to Spring Garden Lane in Wanchai.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Mr. Albert Gilbert Quark, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Quark, and Miss Marie Spencer, eldest daughter of the late Mr. A. N. Spencer and Mrs. Spencer.

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